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# Howard celebrates a year free of 'jobs for life' dockers

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

SCARCELY a docker looked up from his labours as Michael Howard, the employment secretary, yesterday entered what was once considered the dinosaurs' lair.

He was celebrating the anniversary of the scrapping of the National Dock Labour Scheme with a visit to Sheerness Dock on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, and not a voice was raised in protest. A year to the day since the abolition of the "jobs for life" scheme and the industrial strife its demise engendered, the minister declared Britain "world beaters in our port performance".

With a nationwide boom in port business and productivity up by 100 per cent since last year, Mr

Howard foresaw the day when British ports would take over from Rotterdam and Antwerp as the trans-shipment pivot for Europe.

Workers in former scheme ports have shrunk from 9,200 to fewer than 5,000, yet those who remain are handling up to 45 per cent more cargo than they did under the old system. At the same time there had been two working days lost through disputes nationally, compared with 4 million days lost between 1967 and 1989.

The seaside area of Sheppey, traditionally a haven of sunshine and fun for the hop-pickers of Kent and still abounding in boarding houses and kiss-me-quick hats, has witnessed a commercial revolution at its docks, and a consequent improvement in the local econ-

omy. Yesterday Mr Howard opened a £3.5 million fruit storage unit to preserve the fruit Sheerness is famous for handling - just one part of a £16 million investment programme at the docks.

Sheerness, the largest car and fruit port in the country, was not noted for its militancy, and shed only 45 of its 300 dockers.

But the end of restrictive practices such as "bobbing off" when payment was given for no work, "disappointment money" when a ship did not turn up, and "ghosting" when men were paid for watching others work, has led to renewed confidence that has already caused the workforce to swell.

The new cool store is expected to create 150 jobs and a new berth to

handle the growing number of European vehicle movements has created another 170 jobs. The Medway Ports Authority has announced its intention to seek government approval to become a private company next year.

Mr Howard, opening the new cool store, said: "In the space of a single year Britain's ports have turned round from being ridiculed by our competitors to being envied by them. The doomsters predicted widespread strife and turmoil, but this has proved to be completely false."

"Now Britain's strike-free ports will give an immense boost to our credibility as the country to invest in for access to the single European market," Mr Howard said. "The repeal of the Dock Labour Scheme

is turning out to be the jewel in the crown of the government's programme of deregulation and reform of Britain's labour markets."

The abolition of the scheme, which by 1989 covered 64 ports handling 70 per cent of Britain's trade has received general acceptance by Britain's dockers.

Brian Carroll, aged 53, a stevedore, said: "This port has always been quite peaceful so far as local disputes were concerned, but there were hotheads at London docks. Since the end of the scheme I can't say I've noticed much change, and I am quite happy with it."

Derek Lambert, aged 48, a forklift truck driver, said the end of the scheme meant the end of demarcation for him. Previously, he would never leave his truck.

Now, however, he would sometimes help to unload cargo. "I could see the scheme was coming to an end. A lot of little things have gone. You know what I mean. You have got to be here now and work when you are, which is something you should be doing anyway. While the old system was here everyone abused it. But, all in all, we have had a good deal."

Peter Wood, aged 45, a stevedore, regretted the demise of the scheme and said that, although the workforce was receiving as much money as before, demanding meant everyone had to work much harder. "What worries us, though, is privatising the docks. There's going to be a lot less security in the job then. Management will be able to do just as they want."

## Prince's trust helps man from prison to success

By DANIEL TREISMAN

FOUR years ago, Ron Shillingford was serving a three-year prison sentence for a crime the courts later admitted he did not commit. Today, he is at the head of a commercial lighting firm selling about 400 light fixtures a month and anticipating a turnover for the next two years of more than £300,000.

An ambitious inner-city entrepreneur, now aged 25, he is among 10,000 young businessmen and women who have been helped by the Youth Business Trust, set up in 1986 by the Prince of Wales to assist young people set up their own businesses.

When the trust's two-day Young Entrepreneurs' Showcase opens this morning 240 of them will be exhibiting their products in a compound of striped marquees in Hyde Park. All have benefited from loans, grants, or advice from the charitable fund, now the biggest of its kind in the world.

Not many can have bounced back as far as Mr Shillingford, who has gone from dining in prison messes to speaking at food-raising luncheons, one last October attended by the Prince of Wales. He said his wrongful conviction, quashed on appeal after a year in jail, came close to breaking him. "I got pushed right to the edge. It was tough and go at times whether I would keep my sanity."

In the end, however, the experience fired him with a determination that has not deserted him since he left the confines of Wandsworth, Brixton, and Birmingham.

He is still uneasy talking about the incident, which he fears arouse instinctive prejudices despite his subsequently demonstrated innocence. At the age of 20, living with his mother in a council flat in Stonebridge, north London, he was working as a youth counsellor, organising activities and discussions for young people on the estate. As he walked with four acquaintances, one of them attempted to mug a female passerby.

Mr Shillingford was arrested and prosecuted, he says, because he refused to reveal the names of the other three. "It came down to a basic choice," he explained. He could have helped to arrest the three, but only at the cost of undermining his influence in the local black community, at a time when he was actively struggling to convince other youths not to commit crimes.

While in prison he studied black history, took an RSA maths course and earned a diploma in international trade. He also fixed on the plan to set up a lighting firm after his release, conducted market research from his prison cell and began to play around with possible designs.

Two years ago, when he launched the Shillingford Concept, he received a £1,000 start-up grant and a £5,000 loan from the trust. Now, Mr Shillingford says, his four-person staff is set to double in the next four months. At the exhibition, he hopes to make more trade contacts and win orders for the angular metal lamp fixtures he sells, mostly in contracts to commercial buyers.

The Prince of Wales is to present a £1,500 cheque today to the 10,000th young person assisted by the trust, Derek Coffey, a cattle chiropractor from Warrington, Cheshire.

## Law lords to seek bar on video links in war trials

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE law lords are to press for changes to the government's war crimes legislation that would prevent witnesses giving evidence from abroad on video links.

They also want suspects to have the right to go before committal hearings in magistrates' courts as a safeguard to stop weak cases going to trial.

The changes are emerging as the basis for a possible compromise that could prevent a constitutional confrontation between the two houses of parliament next year when the government reintroduces the bill rejected by the Lords last month.

The government is planning to bring back the bill in the next session of parliament in exactly the same form as that rejected by 207 votes to 74. That is necessary because for the government to invoke the Parliament Acts to override the Lords the bill must be precisely as it was when it was first approved by MPs.

Ministers are, however, hoping to reach an agreement with the Lords on "suggested amendments" which would be added to the bill if the Lords gave the measure a second

reading when it reached them next time. Lord Donaldson of Lynton, Master of the Rolls, is expected to play a key role in talks.

The changes being sought by law lords would address concerns raised by peers before and during the debate on the bill. The bill allowed for committal proceedings to be bypassed for war crimes trials, after the precedent set in the Criminal Justice Act 1987 in the case of serious fraud trials.

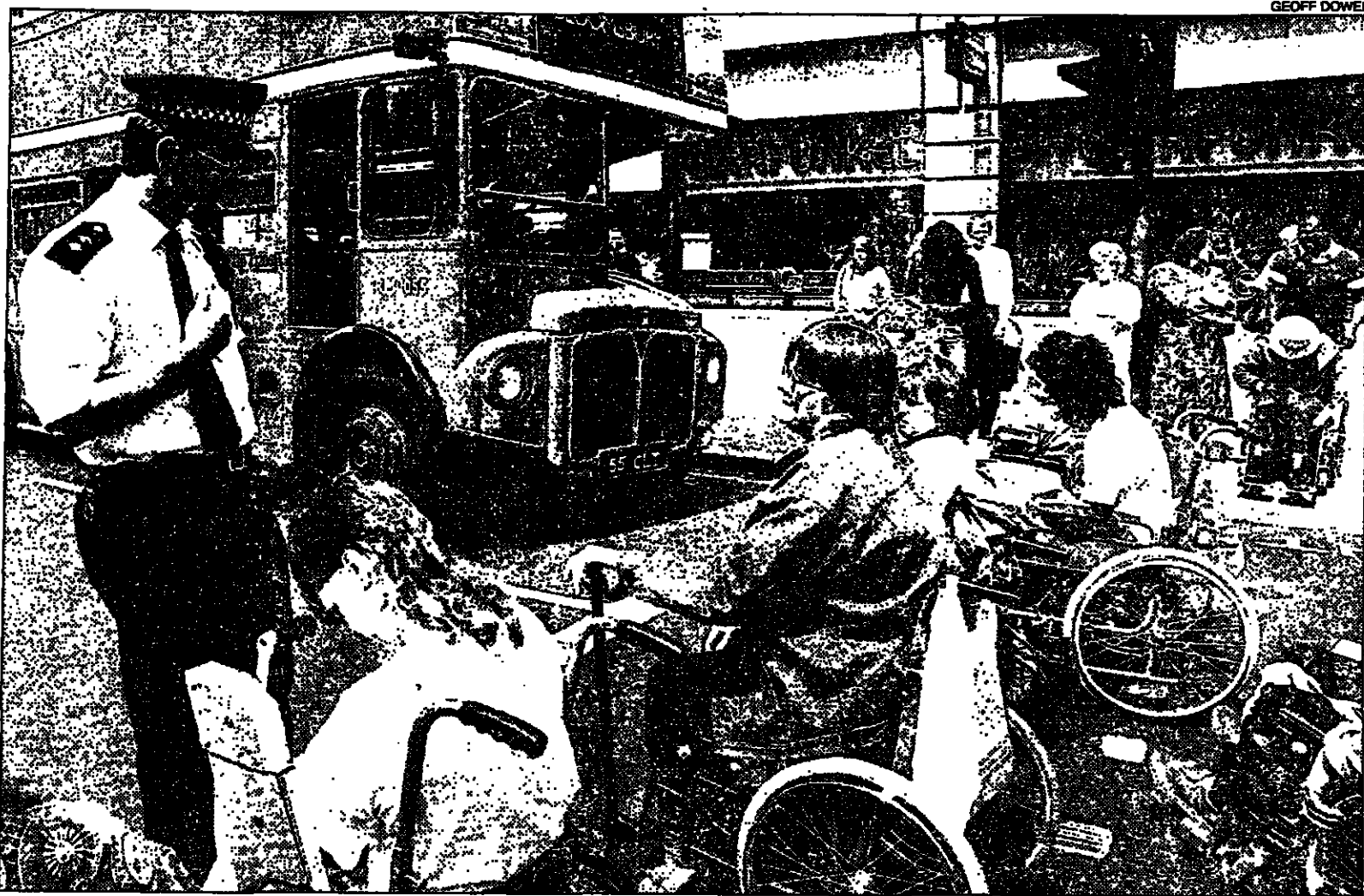
The government argued that bypassing committal proceedings did not represent a diminution in the rights of suspects because a defendant would still be able to apply to a crown court to have a case dismissed on the ground that there was insufficient evidence.

The use of video links for elderly witnesses in the Baltic states and elsewhere to give evidence has been even more strongly opposed in the Lords, which has already defied the government in the present session by passing an amendment to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill preventing the use of television links for such trials.

During the Lords debate on war crimes peers argued that juries would be denied the opportunity of witnessing face-to-face identification and forming judgments on the reliability of the witnesses making it. Lord Shawcross said that even if one had evidence of identification of somebody seen four or five days ago it often turned out to be unreliable. "In this case it will concern someone who has been identified from photographs but not seen for 45 years."

The law lords are expected to argue that an amendment preventing video evidence in such trials should be written into the bill after it has passed the second reading stage in the Lords. Another amendment backed by peers to allow the extradition of suspected war criminals to the countries where the crimes were alleged to have been committed is now accepted by ministers in the Lords to be outside the scope of the bill.

Home Office officials are still studying the extradition option. The bill will be sent from the Commons to the Lords after March 19 next year, a year's delay from the original Commons second reading required for the use of the Parliament Acts.



Campaigners seeking a better deal on London Transport for handicapped people block a bus lane in New Oxford Street yesterday. Traffic was held up for two hours as more than 30 wheelchair users for the Campaign for Accessible Transport made their protest. They claim that London Regional Transport is ignoring calls for all its buses to be converted to accommodate wheelchairs. The campaign says the cost is less than £3,000 a bus and the extra time taken to load a wheelchair is no longer than that taken to collect fares on one-person operated transport

## No prosecution for Lockerbie father over fake bomb test

By CRAIG SETON

THE father of a Lockerbie victim is not to be prosecuted, following his claim that he took a fake bomb through Heathrow and on to a British Airways flight to New York to test security.

Dr Jim Swire, whose daughter Flora, aged 23, died in the disaster, was officially cautioned for his action after being interviewed by the Metropolitan police yesterday to see whether he had committed an offence.

Dr Swire, from Bromsgrove, Hereford, and Worcester, said: "I have been told that on this occasion there will be no charges and I have been cautioned. I was issued with a type-written statement that an offence committed under the Aviation Security Act 1982 carried a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment."

The development came amid indications that his mock bomb may have passed through luggage-screening undetected because British Airways security knew he was the father of a Lockerbie victim.

Sir Colin Marshall, deputy chairman and chief executive of British Airways, said yes-

terday: "He disclosed his identity to security staff and it is therefore not unreasonable that they took a sympathetic attitude to him."

Dr Swire said he took the fake bomb concealed in a radio-cassette recorder packed in a suitcase through Heathrow in May to expose security loopholes he believes still exist after the Lockerbie tragedy.

Terry Dicks, the Tory MP whose constituency covers the airport, called for him to be prosecuted as a hoaxer.

Sir Colin said the airline's security staff were aware of Dr Swire's involvement in the Lockerbie tragedy, but he would not say whether the GP's luggage had been less thoroughly checked as a result. He said: "I do not want to suggest anything. You have to reach your own conclusions."

Dr Swire said yesterday, before being interviewed by the police: "What happens to me is unimportant compared with the question of whether another plane load of innocent people gets blown to bits."

"I hope having done this it will some way help reduce the chance of that happening again."

## SeaCat safety checks

By RAY CLANCY

CONCERN about lifeboats on the SeaCat catamaran ferry due to go into operation next week has led to delays in the granting of a safety certificate.

Transport department inspectors are examining the craft, which has been docked at Portsmouth since its record-breaking Atlantic crossing of three days, seven hours and 54 minutes last month.

Its high-speed service to Cherbourg in northern France has been delayed twice, but the owner, Hoverspeed, said it is still confident that the £10 million ferry will be operating by next Thursday.

The transport department said there was concern about the lightweight construction of the vessel, which does not have traditional lifeboats. There are inflatable boats but no open decks and inspectors have been looking at how passengers could climb down ladders on the side, especially in rough seas.

"SeaCat is being assessed as a novel craft which makes the study take a bit longer than most," the department said. "The granting of a certificate is not imminent, but that is not to say the operator will not have one in time for its first scheduled run next week."

British Airways was allowed only one round trip instead of

## French air traffic controllers' strike hits Paris flights

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

FLIGHTS between London and Paris, the world's busiest international air route, slowed to a trickle yesterday as militant French air traffic controllers walked out on the first of three day-long strikes leaving only a handful of radar screens manned in their regional headquarters near Paris.

Officials of the French air traffic control organisation drew up a detailed list of flights which could be handled safely by the 12 controllers who defied their union's strike call. Normally there are around 90 on duty at the centre, where there has been growing impatience with the refusal of the French government to pay bigger bonuses for handling more air traffic and jealousy over a 24 per cent deal struck more than two years ago by their counterparts in Brussels.

Flights between Britain and France were hardest hit because Air France was determined to maintain its long-haul flights as near schedule as possible while cutting back on its short haul and domestic services.

The aircraft was about three hours out of Orlando with 336 passengers on board when it dropped suddenly. The airline said that the turbulence lasted 30 to 60 seconds.

Four passengers and four cabin crew were injured yesterday when a BA Boeing 747 was hit by severe turbulence while flying from Florida to Manchester.

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## Draw card

Tom Leeming, aged 67, of Moston, Greater Manchester, pipped bargain-hunting art dealers at a local auction room by spotting a Lowry drawing and buying the work, valued at £2,000 by Sotheby's, for £9.

## Arched bridge could be gateway to the capital

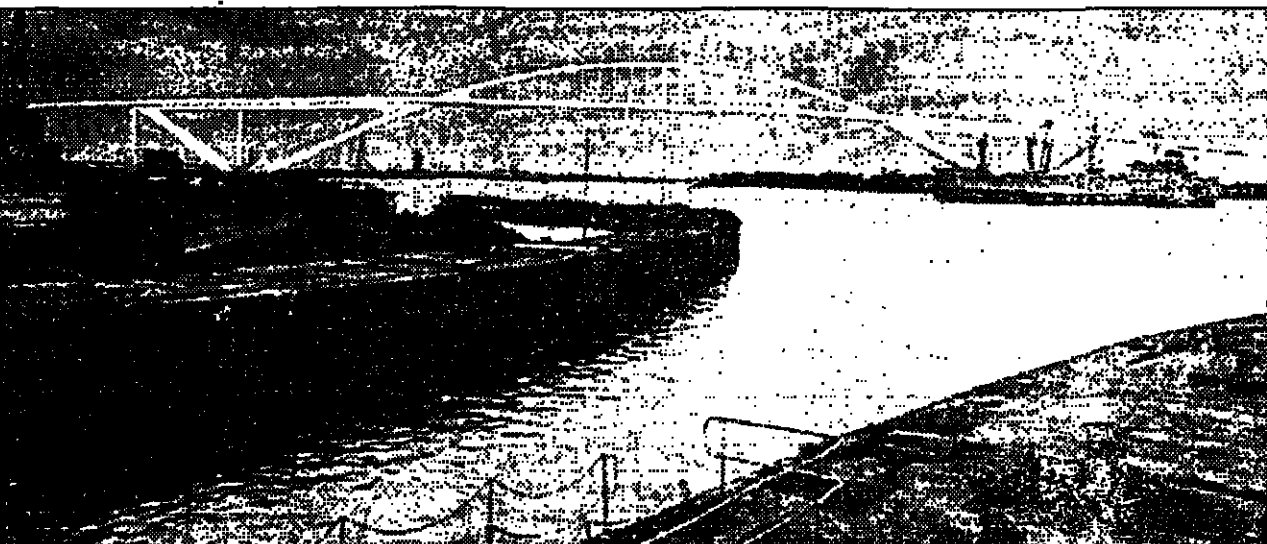
By CHARLES KNEVITT  
ARCHITECTURE  
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AN ARCHED girder bridge spanning almost 1,700ft could replace Tower Bridge as the former Port of London's gateway to the capital if a Department of Transport enquiry into the East London River Crossing, reopened yesterday, rules in its favour over the design proposed by the department's engineers.

The arched design, commissioned by the developer Stanhope Properties, is the work of Santiago Calatrava, a Spanish architect and engineer who at the age of 39 has built 23 bridges in cities such as Paris, Bilbao and Zurich. The developer compares the design to other great gateway bridges such as Sydney Harbour bridge and the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco.

The new east London river crossing will be the easternmost bridge over the Thames in the capital, although a new Dartford bridge is under construction to relieve congestion in the Dartford Tunnel.

The rival bridge is likely to cost about £110 million if built between 1993 and 1995, 10 per cent more than the department's design, and would form part of the A406 London north circular trunk road, already agreed in prin-



The smooth arch of Calatrava's design as it would look, linking the north and south banks of the Thames

ciple at an enquiry in 1985-86. The bridge will link Thamesmead, on the south bank, with Newham and Docklands on the north bank.

Twin enquiries opened yesterday into plans to upgrade London City airport and into the design of the bridge and approach roads north of the river. The rival design would also have dual three-lane carriageways, plus foot and cycle paths.

The department's design was produced by Sir William Halcrow and partners and would have a span of less than

800 feet, with four footings in the river, as opposed to two proposed by Calatrava.

The airport enquiry is expected to end in September, when the bridge enquiry will reopen, having been deferred so both inquiries might hear all the evidence. The findings of both inquiries are expected next year.

A cable-stayed bridge originally proposed for the crossing, with two towers more than 400ft high, was rejected four years ago because its height would be a danger to aircraft using the Docklands

airport. The rival design would have an overall height of 250 feet and an "air draft" of 165ft between the river and the underside of the bridge.

The Calatrava bridge proposal has been received favourably by the department, local authorities, the Port of London Authority, Civil Aviation Authority and Royal Fine Art Commission. John Fairclough, a director of Stanhope, said: "We believed something could and should be done to improve the unimaginative existing box girder design. Calatrava's

bridge would be a wonderful symbol of regeneration for north and south of the river, and provide enhanced aesthetic value to the commercial aspects of the scheme."

The department said alternatives to the original cable-stayed bridge would have to be practical, acceptable, within the broad order of costs of the original bridge, and keep open options for the future use of London City airport. Stanhope will give evidence to the enquiry as an objector to the department's design.

## How to make those buildings greener

By OUR ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

AN ENVIRONMENTAL audit scheme for new buildings to help to reduce global warming was launched yesterday by David Trippier, the environment minister. Designers, clients and builders will be able to produce "green" buildings, based on the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method for buildings. The first audit is for new offices, but other building types will be covered after further research.

"Many of the global environmental problems facing us today are encapsulated in the buildings in which we live and work," Mr Trippier said, adding that the method complemented the eco-labelling scheme for consumer products. He promised that his department's white paper would set out the government's environmental strategy "from the street corner to the stratosphere" for the next decade or so.

Mr Trippier said he did not believe concern for the environment necessarily required a reduction in economic activity. "We have, or can develop, the technologies to respond to these challenges and the market is already

beginning to be influenced by environmental forces," he said.

Through the method industry had demonstrated that its financial and technical resources could help to create a greener environment "where the environmental option is also the economic one".

Tighter building regulations, which have been in force since April, should improve the energy efficiency of new buildings by 20 per cent, while modifications to existing buildings could save up to 25 per cent.

Roger Courtney, chief executive of the Building Research Establishment (BRE), said the method provided structured assessment and a recognized set of standards for good building. It was developed by BRE in conjunction with architects and energy consultants and sponsored by three commercial property developers and Sainsbury's. Each assessment will cost £2,800 on average.

In Environmental Assessment for New Office Designs (BREM 1/90), details from Dr Josephine Prior, Environmental Assessment Scheme, Building Research Establishment, Garston, Watford WD2 7QQ.



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Report  
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There has been no real change in the number of people who fail their eye tests, according to a report by the Health Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Clarke.

Mr. Clarke said that the number of people who fail their eye tests had remained steady at around 1.5 million.

Bill to put  
bar on jobs

A bill to prevent employers from asking for references from former employers has been introduced in the House of Commons.

David Widdick, the Labour MP for North London, said that the bill was necessary to protect the privacy of former employers.

The bill has no chance of becoming law.

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A Conservative MP has suggested that the government should consider selling off some of its forests to raise money for the NHS.

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It is hoped that a first draft of the employment department's guidance on pop concerts and similar events will be available for consultation early in the autumn.

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Commons (2.50): Questions and answers on the environment and heritage.

Lords (2.30): Environmental Protection Bill, committee, sixth day.

Thatcher  
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MARGARET Thatcher has been described as central to her own era, but in one entry she is seen as a force for change.

However it may have been a mistake to see her as a force for change. She was a woman who believed in the power of the individual and the importance of the family.

The findings come from a survey of 1,000 people conducted by the Institute for Social Research.

It reveals a good deal about the attitudes of the British people towards the environment and the future of the country.

More than 50 per cent of the people surveyed said that they were concerned about the environment.

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# House suspended in row over Clarke questions

THE Commons was suspended for 10 minutes yesterday amid scenes of uproar as Opposition MPs accused the government of using a squalid device to use up time set aside for a debate on schools.

The Speaker (Bernard Weatherill) struggled to make himself heard when Labour members shouted down Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, as he sought to answer questions about national health service trusts, not during question time, but later during time allocated to the Opposition.

The Speaker had to shout

## Report of fewer eye tests denied

There has been no reduction in the number of eye tests since charges were introduced, Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, said at question time. He cast doubt on a report by the Consumers' Association which he said had not explained the methodology behind its rather startling results. All sensible surveys showed no evidence of a decrease.

Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab), calling for the charge to be scrapped, had said that the Consumers' Association had disclosed a serious drop of 2.5 million eye tests.

## Bill to put bar on jobs

A bill barring former cabinet ministers from accepting jobs with companies they helped to privatise, until five years after leaving office, was introduced under the 10-minute rule in the Commons.

David Wainick (Walsall North, Lab), introducing his Former Cabinet Ministers (Interests) bill, said: "The very idea that a minister can privatise a company and then shortly after leaving office become a director or chairman of that company is unacceptable."

## Forests sale suggested

A Conservative former agriculture minister, Mr Michael Jopling (Westmorland and Lonsdale, C) suggested during prime minister's question time that the forestry commission with £1 billion worth of land and growing timber, was a good candidate for privatisation. Margaret Thatcher agreed that there was something in what he said.

## Pop concerts guidance

It is hoped that a first draft of the employment department's guidance on pop concerts and similar events will be available for consultation early in the autumn. Patrick Nicholson, employment under secretary, said in a written reply.

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above the din to announce that he would adjourn for 10 minutes to restore calm and so that the matter could be "sorted out". He complained that there had been an intolerable breakdown between government and Opposition business managers and said that during the adjournment they should put matters right.

After the 10-minute break, the Speaker announced that there would be a statement on health service trusts the next day.

Dr John Cunningham, shadow leader of the House, accused Mr Clarke of trying to use "a squalid device" to prevent the Opposition using parliamentary time effectively on the matter.

Mr Clarke touched off the protests when he rose after question time to answer six questions together. He said that last night he had found that there were 32 questions down about the proposal for health service trusts, including 8 in the first 25. It was clear that if these were to be answered in the usual fashion (during question time), most MPs would not get an adequate reply.

Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, said that Mr Clarke realised that his device had caused offence because he was apologising for it. It was an abuse of the procedure of the House. The abuse would take time out of Opposition debates on education and housing.

In effect, Mr Clarke was making a statement but avoiding the need to give the Opposition advance notice of the text and the right to respond immediately. Presumably, that was why he was choosing this method to smuggle in an important statement on a controversial matter.

He asked the Speaker what additional protection was necessary to defend the rights of the House against a government which, despite a majority of more than 100, constantly sought devices to prevent the Opposition from getting a fair hearing.

The Speaker said that it was up to the government how they linked questions. He had suggested to the government that it should consult through the business managers as to whether this was an appropriate way to deal with the matter.

Dr Cunningham said he was putting on record that the chosen procedure had not been acceptable to the Opposition and that that had been made clear from the start.

He added: "The whole thing is a squalid device on the part of the government business managers to prevent the effective use of time by the Opposition on a supply day (when Opposition motions are down for debate). Let there be no doubt about that."

Among the first to protest was Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab), who told the Speaker: "This is shameful and you are allowing it to go on. It is time you put your foot down because they (the government) are running all over us."

The Speaker had allowed a similar situation during some business on the previous night.

Mr Haynes withdrew the allegation about the previous night when the Speaker referred to it as a "dastardly" and pointed out that he had not been in the chair then. Mr Haynes insisted that Mr Weatherill had known about what had gone on then.

The Speaker said that a statement would allow more time than answers to questions and that it would help if the matter were treated as a statement.

Mr Cook said that treating the matter by having a "proper" statement contained certain



Kenneth Clarke: sought to answer questions about national health service trusts

protections of the Opposition's rights, whereas Mr Clarke's device would not give the Opposition that protection. Mr Clarke should be invited to return with a proper statement.

The Speaker said it seemed that there had been a serious and an intolerable breakdown in communications between the business managers of the government and the Opposition.

Amid further attempts by Labour MPs to raise more points of order, Mr Clarke said that he would accept the Speaker's ruling, but gathered that there was now to be a mixture of parliamentary questions and a statement. A statement would have taken more time from the Opposition business later and would not allow MPs asking the questions to get adequate replies.

Before the Speaker adjourned the House, Mr Clarke was able to complete his remarks. He said that 199 National Health Service units had expressed interest in health service trust status and that they represented a wide range of units, including single hospitals, groups of hospitals and non-hospital facilities. He understood that sixty to seventy of those units that had expressed interest were likely to submit applications in the first wave. He intended that the first trusts should become operational on next April 1.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. He would then direct regional health authorities to carry out public consultation on the requests over three months.

He would decide whether to accept applications.

# People from all sides know schools are in crisis, says Straw

## EDUCATION

PEOPLE of all political persuasions now recognised that there was a crisis in the schools, Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, said in the Commons. Opening an Opposition debate, he said that the crisis was nationwide and the government was overwhelmingly responsible.

Mr Straw said that the government's ill considered, mercenary and contradictory changes had turned out to be a lethal cocktail that had brought the education system to a lower point than any time since the war.

The damage caused could scarcely be exaggerated. Every day he received letters and reports from head teachers, governors and parents worried sick by their children's education. Often the letters came from Conservative areas rather than Labour heartlands.

Saving money, make-do-and-mend, was a constant theme of reports and letters. One newspaper reported a survey showing that a third of the money being spent on books and equipment came from parents.

The pay award that had been forced through would lead to a real pay cut for almost every teacher. Of newly trained teachers, half left the profession within five years. The proportion of graduates entering teacher training had halved in eight years.

"The secretary of state has said that there is no problem." Would he guarantee to all parents that no child would be without a properly qualified, permanent teacher in front of their children's class this coming September?

The report of the chief inspector of schools that had said that 30 per cent of pupils were getting a raw deal was also damning.

Ministers had been gambling with children's education; other people's children, never their own.

"Whenever we on this side mention the fact that some ministers have used the private

sector for the education of their own children, the discomfort on the other side has been patent. The Sunday Times pointed out in February that of 21 cabinet ministers, 20 sent their children to private schools at an average cost of £4,200 a year, twice that of the average of £1,900 in the state system.

"All three of this secretary of state's children went to private school as did both of the last secretary of state's."

If ministers who sent their children to private school were to apply the same policies and financial restraints to private schools as they did to schools that educated 95 per cent of the country's children, they would be beyond reproach. "In truth, they apply a double standard of breathtaking proportions, one which so mocks those in the maintained sector as to be immoral."

The national curriculum applied by law to state schools, but not to the private sector. Rigid formula funding was imposed on state schools, but not private. Local authorities were pillaged for spending £1,900 a pupil while in private schools the costs were two and three times as much a pupil.

Teachers' pay was held below the level of inflation for state schools, while private schools and city technology colleges were able to pay more to get the best. Private schools raised millions to spend on laboratories and equipment while the state schools were starved of cash.

By boycotting the maintained system, ministers were sending out the message that they lacked any serious commitment to state education.

How could Mr MacGregor justify sending his children to Highgate School, where fees were £4,000 and many were subsidised through the assisted places scheme, when Camden and Haringey, the local authorities, which were spending less than £1,200 a child, were being

poll tax capped by the government.

John MacGregor, education secretary, said that Mr Straw, in an unbalanced, incoherent travesty of what was happening, had given no credit to the teachers for their many recent achievements.

The programme for the national curriculum was well on target and there was no retreat. It was right to have pilot schemes to try different types of schools. They were being piloted in 2 per cent of schools. They would be assessed and he was determined that the assessment should be done in a workable way to give them the indications they sought.

Excellent work had been reported by the inspectors in the arrangements for work in the core subjects. There had been a marked improvement in curriculum planning.

One school in eight had delegated budgets and next year the proportion would be one in four. That would reduce bureaucracy and make schools more accountable, giving a pay structure rewarding efficiency and leadership, and effecting a remarkable change in atmosphere and morale.

There would be four more city technology colleges next term to join the four in operation, and the demand from parents for places was high.

As a result of government policies, many more pupils were going through to higher education. There were problems in some geographical areas, and in some schools.

He had sent half his children to state schools, and half to independent schools some considerable time ago. It was right for people to have choice. He would happily now send a child, if he had one of school age, to a state school in Norfolk (where he lives), but he had been concerned about the education being offered in the borough in which he lived at the time his children had been at school.

"That is why we have the assisted places scheme, to extend the range of choice."

# Molyneux brake on Brooke's plan for talks

By RICHARD FORD  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

## N IRELAND

THE leader of the largest Unionist party in Northern Ireland has ruled out any meaningful relationship with Dublin while the Irish Republic's constitution claims territorial jurisdiction over the province.

James Molyneux also said yesterday that he favoured a much wider arrangement than the present Anglo-Irish agreement which would allow the republic's government to put forward regularly its concerns about the difficulties facing Irish emigrants in Britain in areas such as housing, education, and employment.

He also expressed his opposition to any relationship between an administration in Northern Ireland and the republic that involved formal structures, preferring instead liaison and consultation.

As Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, prepares to tell MPs tomorrow of his plans to move towards round table talks involving the province's constitutional parties, Mr Molyneux expressed strong support for a regional council modelled on Strathclyde as a way of administering the North.

Mr Brooke is expected to tell the Commons that a number of conditions preparing the ground for talks to begin have been met. However, by last night he had still not reached full agreement with the Irish government on Dublin's role in the inter-party talks.

The government's intention is that a gap in meetings of the Anglo-Irish ministerial conference in the autumn will allow

for inter-party discussions on a devolved structure of administration for Northern Ireland. If the talks make good progress, they are expected to be followed by talks with the republic's government on the relationship between the North and South; separate discussions will take place between London and Dublin.

During the next few weeks Mr Brooke, who believes he has identified enough common ground between the parties in the North, is likely to have bilateral discussions with them on the agenda and timetable for round table talks.

Unionist politicians are demanding that in any talks with Dublin they will be part of a wider United Kingdom delegation. Mr Molyneux said that if those talks took place under articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Republic's constitution would be on the agenda.

He said the problem over the two articles would have to be sorted out in discussions. "It is something that will have to be resolved. You could not have a meaningful relationship with a neighbour which has a constitutional claim on your territory. That is not on."

The Unionist leader said he supported proposals for devolution in Northern Ireland based on proposals put forward by the late Airey Neave in 1979 that would have meant the creation of a regional council. Mr Molyneux believes that such a council could develop as trust between the two communities in the North grew.

# Thatcher rules, but still people want socialism

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET Thatcher has left many a mark on British life, but in one enterprise that she might regard as central to her whole purpose, her crusade against socialism, she has failed.

However it may have voted at the past three general elections, the nation still prefers "a mainly socialist society in which public interest and a more controlled economy are most important" to "a mainly capitalist society in which private interests and free enterprise are most important" by 47 per cent to 39 per cent. Asked if they want a society which "emphasises the social and collective provision of welfare" to one in which "the individual is encouraged to look after himself" 54 per cent opt for the former and 40 per cent for the latter view.

The Conservatives can no longer rely on women's votes to the extent that they did in the Sixties and Seventies, when Labour would never have held power if women alone had had a vote. Women now regularly put non-Tory ideals ahead of Tory ones.

The findings come from a new book, by Eric Jacobs and Robert Worcester, which is in effect a travelogue through minds and attitudes based on a Mori survey.

It reveals a good deal about the lifestyle and values of Britons today. Nine in ten claim to be Christians. But only 17 per cent regularly go to a place of worship and 63 per cent go only for weddings and funerals. Only 4 per cent of the nation say they are atheists.

More people disapprove of violence on television (53 per cent) than disapprove of full (35 per cent). Nearly four in ten disapprove of full frontal male nudity on the screen while only one in ten disapproves of divorce. Four in ten see homosexuality as wrong.

Seventeen per cent of the public do not read a newspaper regularly. Of those who do, half read The Sun or Daily Mirror (Daily Record in Scot-

land). Five in six watch television every day, for an average of three hours. Only two in a hundred say they never watch. Britons have more video recorders a head than any other nation.

When people were asked what they thought were the main contributory factors to divorce, money problems were ranked the highest, followed by alcohol and then drugs.

The Mori survey asked 369 questions of 1,458 adults between March 2 and 13 last year, producing 538,000 items of information.

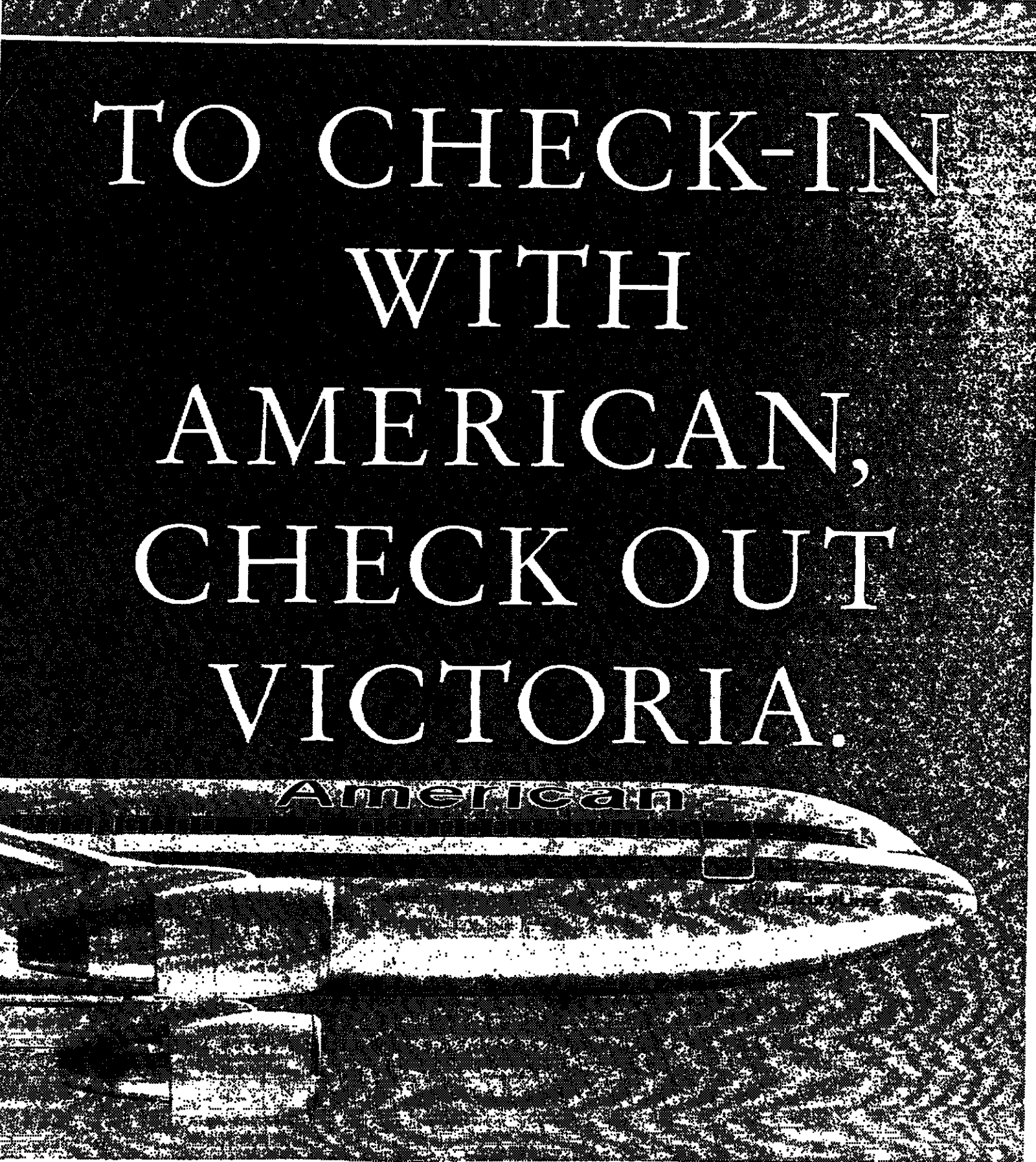
The authors have made some intriguing historical comparisons. Forty years ago, 53 per cent of the nation said they thought themselves middle class and 43 per cent reckoned themselves working class. Now, with researchers confident that four in ten should be considered middle class, only 30 per cent define themselves that way while 67 per cent claim to be working class.

In 1976, a total of 83 per cent said they were very or fairly satisfied with their jobs. Despite the increasing stress in society, 82 per cent still say the same.

The five rounds of important trades union legislation from the Conservative governments since 1979 have not undermined a basic faith in the trades union movement. In October 1973, a total of 73 per cent said that unions were essential to protect workers' interests. In the later "MoriScope" survey, 72 per cent express that same view.

Perceptions of the outside world have shifted too. Twenty years ago 21 per cent of those polled reckoned Europe was most important to Britain and 34 per cent each opted for America and for the Commonwealth. Now 50 per cent say that Europe is most important, 21 per cent go for the Commonwealth and 19 per cent say America.

We British: Britain under the MoriScope, by Eric Jacobs and Robert Worcester (Weidenfeld and Nicolson; £15).



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# Mandela the myth urged to return to the world of reality

From GAVIN BELL  
IN JOHANNESBURG

WHATEVER else Nelson Mandela is to adoring crowds in Europe and the United States, Nelson Mandela, he is big news back home. After being silenced by government decree for almost three decades, every remark of the deputy president of the African National Congress is now endlessly analysed by the South African public with sentiments ranging from delight to bemusement and irritation.

His controversial reference to the conflict in Northern Ireland made banner headlines in most newspapers yesterday while editorials questioned his wisdom in pronouncing on foreign issues and his commitment to peaceful solutions here.

While most blacks appear to regard his progress through Western capitals as a triumph, some of his statements have created misgivings among whites already nervous about the future. His insistence on continuing the "armed struggle", and

expressions of fraternity with the leaders of Libya, Cuba and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, have done nothing to reassure them.

With the exception of Magnus Malan, the defence minister, the government has been restrained in its public reaction. General Malan, regarded as the most hawkish member of the cabinet, betrayed a flash of anger at the weekend when he questioned whether the ANC was serious about negotiating the framework of a post-apartheid society.

Describing the ANC leader as the world's most over-publicised politician, General Malan said: "The time has come for Mr Mandela and the ANC to come to terms with reality... while he travels abroad violence continues in Natal among blacks."

Such views are mirrored in *The Citizen*, a pro-government English-language newspaper, which commented: "We hope that when he returns to South Africa, when the heady days of hero-worship are over, he will drop some of

the bombast which he expressed in the United States." Even the liberal anglophone press which hailed Mr Mandela's release from prison in February has been disturbed by his recent pronouncements.

*Business Day* said he was in danger of being deluded by the messianic status thrust on him in the United States. "If Mandela wants a prosperous post-apartheid South Africa, he had better abandon now the destructive tenets - most of them derived from inappropriate revolutionary theories - which he still preaches, and turn instead to the task of building confidence in South Africa and, no less important, confidence in his own good sense," it said.

The biggest domestic scoop of Mr Mandela's tour was achieved by the nationally circulated *Sunday Times*, which printed a remarkably detailed account of a telephone call from President Bush to President de Klerk after Mr Mandela saw him in Washington.

During the 30-minute conversation Mr Bush was reported firmly to have

rejected proposals by Mr Mandela that American initiatives towards South Africa be vetted in advance by the ANC, to have refused his appeal for funds while the ANC remained committed to violence, and to have "pushed Mandela hard" on the armed-struggle issue.

The newspaper said Mr Bush also indicated that he would not support the concept of a constituent assembly in South Africa if it pre-supposed acceptance in advance of simple (black) majority rule, which is an issue to be negotiated. He concluded with an invitation to Mr de Klerk to visit Washington as soon as he wished. The inference that Mr Mandela did not achieve the same level of support from the US government as he did from the American public has been widely reported.

If most commentators are still prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt, the same does not apply for Winnie Mandela, his flamboyant wife. Satirised as a latter-day Boudicca sweeping through adoring multitudes in a

Xhosa kaftan, her bellicose rhetoric in New York has prompted derision at home. It was noted that while Mr Mandela was seeking aid for black education, she said that black schools were legitimate military targets. Citing her threat to "return to the bush" to fight the white regime, a columnist dryly observed: "She neglected to give an account of her past experiences in the bush, adventures that have hitherto gone unrecorded."

ANC activists admit that Mrs Mandela is a problem. "Nobody elected her to speak on behalf of the ANC, and she uttered a few unfortunate remarks about fighting whites," one said yesterday. "Our policy is to fight the apartheid system, not the people."

Leaving behind Mandela the myth in America, Mandela the man faces tough negotiations on the future of his country when he returns later this month. He may then find that popularity abroad is not the same as power at home.

Two killed: Two black South Africans

were killed in violence linked to a strike called by the ANC to protest against warfare among rival black groups, police said yesterday. Police shot dead a black youth in the western Cape township of Robertson, and a crowd of blacks hacked a black man to death in Inanda township. Residents said the man was a police officer.

The death toll from Monday's strike was lower than many had feared, but police reported a higher than normal figure for daily incidents of political unrest, listing 40. There had been widespread predictions that the stoppage would provoke a dramatic worsening of violence between the ANC and other organisations competing for the loyalty of the 27 million voteless black majority in Natal.

More than 30 people were arrested, but there was no serious flare-up of the black-against-black fighting in Natal that has so far claimed well in excess of 2,500 lives in three years. (Agencies)

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## Gulf foes meet for first direct peace talks

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq yesterday held their first direct peace talks since the Gulf War ceasefire in August, 1988, and preparations are being made for a meeting between President Saddam Hussein and President Rafsanjani.

The United Nations secretary general, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, a man rarely given to diplomatic hyperbole, described the move as "a breakthrough", bringing optimism that after the failure of five rounds of indirect talks, an agreed formula for ending the conflict may be in sight. Previously, Mohamed Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, and his Iraqi counterpart, Tariq Aziz, had each spoken to the UN secretary general.

"I think that this meeting sends to the people of Iran and the people of Iraq the right message, that both the governments are really committed to find a peaceful solution of the problem as soon as possible," Señor Pérez de Cuellar told reporters in Geneva. "I think it is a breakthrough in the sense that it is a very clear expression, the first since we had a ceasefire, and the first meeting between the two foreign ministers."

"Psychologically, this is very important. I have always wanted to have them together, and this is a source of satisfaction to me."

He was also able to confirm that President Saddam and President Rafsanjani would have a meeting "sooner or later" as part of Security Council resolution 598, in which the ceasefire was the first step.

With this meeting in preparation, and with Iran

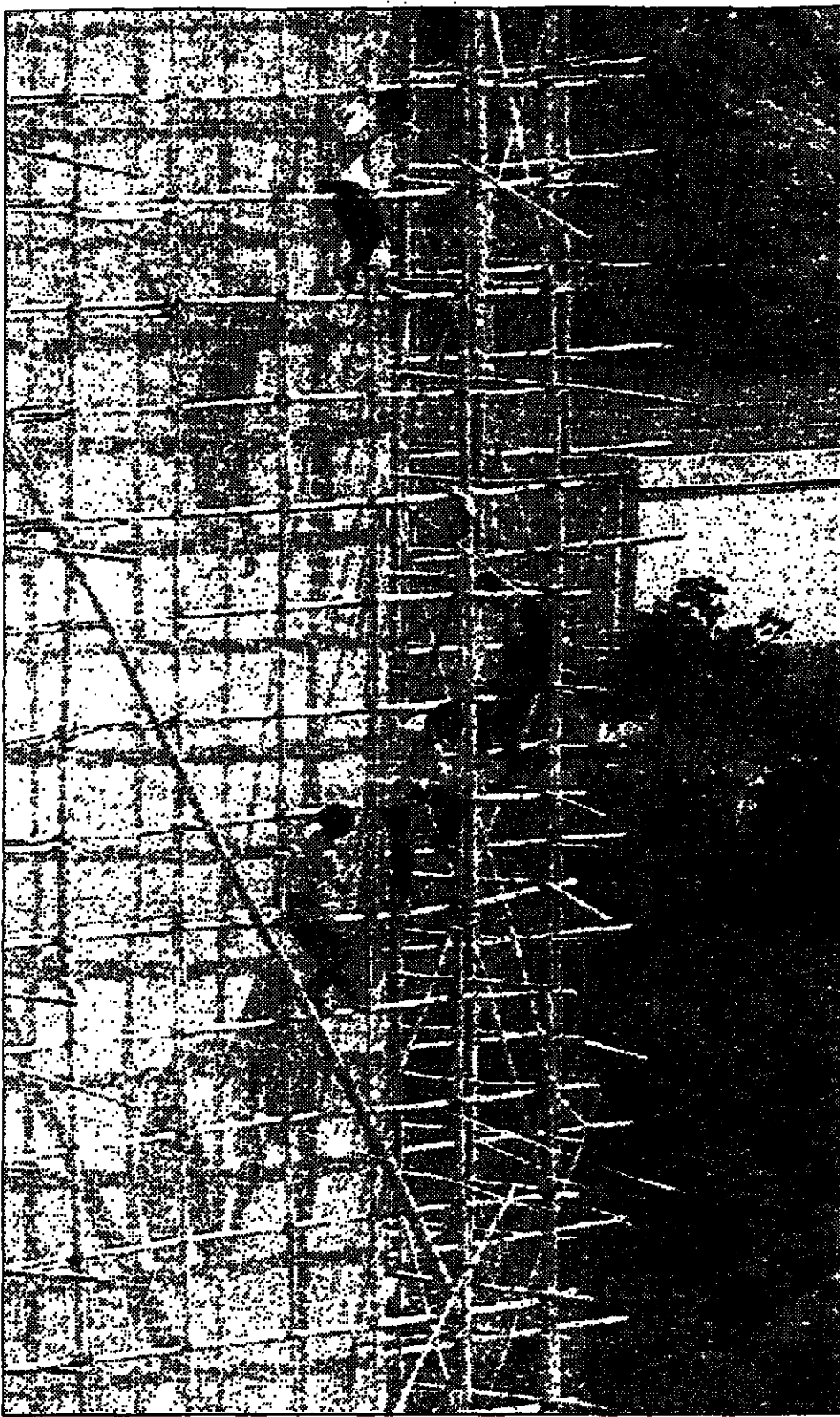
having expressed its appreciation for aid sent by Iraq to the earthquake-stricken region, circumstances are more propitious than at any time since before the Shatt al-Arab waterway dispute that led to the outbreak of hostilities in September, 1980. The UN is urging that top priority in the direct negotiations be given to repatriation of prisoners of war.

Yesterday's surprise move was seen throughout the Arab world as a common reaction to what they see as a growing Israeli threat to peace. Hopes of an end to the stalemate between the two neighbouring Muslim states have been growing since a secret exchange of letters between Baghdad and Tehran began in April, opened by President Saddam, who is believed to have offered a face-to-face meeting with President Rafsanjani.

Replying to President Saddam's letters, President Rafsanjani said he was ready to hold such a meeting if it could be "positive and constructive", and at a news conference on June 6, the president of Iran, who leads the so-called "pragmatic faction", said that a meeting between the leaders should be preceded by talks under UN auspices.

Western diplomats believe that President Saddam was motivated mainly by what he saw as a growing Israeli threat and a concerted Western campaign against Iraq over its weapons development plans.

The observers noted that Iran needed stability in order to carry out plans for a massive reconstruction programme and to revitalise its ailing economy.



Four suspected illegal immigrants from China perched on bamboo scaffolding as they evaded arrest for a second day yesterday in Hong Kong. Six others were sheltering on the top floors of a 35-storey building under construction (AP reports from Hong Kong). Police raided the site

after receiving an anonymous tip-off that 106 workers there were illegal immigrants. Ninety-six of the suspects surrendered as more than 300 police surrounded the building site. Police said they were afraid some of the remaining ten workers might jump from the scaffolding if pursued.

## Gunship plucks wounded from fort in Jaffna

From JAMES PRINGLE IN COLOMBO

IN A dramatic 20-minute mission, a Sri Lankan air force helicopter crew braved heavy machine-gun fire to rescue seven seriously wounded men from the besieged Jaffna fort yesterday.

"The operation went like clockwork with no casualties or damage," a senior Sri Lankan military official said here. "This has done wonders for our morale."

It was the first successful rescue mission at the fort, which has been under siege by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam for more than three weeks since fighting again engulfed Sri Lanka on June 11.

"Operation Eagle" began at first light. A military spokesman said that the helicopter, a Bell 414 gunship, also delivered much needed food and medical supplies to the garrison of about 245 soldiers and police.

There were 17 wounded

## Ban stays on Imelda Marcos

Manila - President Aquino of the Philippines refused to allow the return of Imelda Marcos, despite the former first lady's appeal in New York, saying that she might drum up support at home to overthrow the government (a correspondent writes).

Mrs Aquino said her decision to ban Mrs Marcos remained because threats to the government "have not been shown to have ceased". The president cited intelligence reports linking Mrs Marcos to last December's coup attempt.

"The return of Mrs Marcos would enable her to mobilise the underground network of the Marcos dictatorship which is designed to overthrow the government and endanger our democratic gains and economic momentum," Mrs Aquino said.

## Palestinian boys killed in fight

Jerusalem - Three Palestinian boys were killed and nine other Palestinians were injured, when a fight broke out between rival political factions in the village of Idna in the occupied West Bank. Arab sources and the Army said yesterday (our correspondent writes).

The victims were believed to be members of the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. It is thought they were attacked with a grenade, thrown by a member of the Palestinian Communist party. Some reports said a family feud also could have contributed to the tension in the village.

## Sicilian loses murder appeal

San Francisco - A state appeals court rejected a Sicilian immigrant's "cultural defence" and upheld his murder conviction for the shooting of an Italian-American who had insulted him.

Giacomo Bonadonna of San Francisco said his victim had called him a "cornuto", which means cuckold and has homosexual connotations. He made other derogatory comments. Bonadonna's lawyer, arguing for no more than a manslaughter conviction, wanted the jury to consider his reaction to the insults in its "cultural context". Bonadonna was sentenced to 27 years in jail. (AP)

## Saudis quick to deflect criticism over Haj tragedy

From MICHAEL THEODOLOU  
IN NICOSIA

KING Fahd of Saudi Arabia said it was "God's unavoidable will" that many Muslims died in Monday's stampede in a congested underground passage.

"It was fate," he told officers of the special Haj security forces on Monday night. "Had they not died there, they would have died elsewhere

and at the same predestined moment."

The authorities dismissed as "exaggerated" foreign media reports which put the death toll as high as 1,400, and were expected to give an official casualty figure later.

Among those confirmed dead were at least twelve Turks, eight Malaysians and a number of Indonesians.

The deaths occurred when a

power failure stopped ventilation and cut off oxygen to thousands of pilgrims in a 1500ft tunnel linking the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. In the panic that followed, many were suffocated or crushed to death.

King Fahd insisted the authorities had done "all they could to provide for the comfort of the pilgrims" and were not to blame. He accused

pilgrims of not following clear traffic instructions.

The Saudis have recently spent billions of pounds to ensure the smooth running of the Haj and stave off criticism, mainly from Iran, that they are not fit guardians of Islam's holiest shrines. A system of air-conditioned tunnels to ease the flow of pilgrims around the packed holy sites was part of this grand plan.

Witnesses said many of Monday's deaths came as a result of thousands of people pushing to get into the air-conditioned Al-Musannas tunnel to escape the heat outside which tops 40°C (104°F) at this time of year. They said the fast response of the authorities prevented more casualties.

Dozens of ambulances sped to the tunnel exits while security men pumped in oxygen.

LUSAKA NOTEBOOK by Jan Raath

## Rich Indian Rambos policing Kaunda's domain

JUST who is running law and order in this city is problematical. The police, who should be, are not, and the task has been taken over by the rich, who have had enough of burglaries, armed robbery, muggings and murder. Some of these latterday upholders of the law, however, seem to have had not much more, by way of training, than a diet of Sylvester Stallone films.

"My God, this is just like South Africa," a young South African refugee said as he lay on the floor of the beerhall in Mutendere compound, the flashpoint of riots last week in which thousands of residents, stung by the doubling of the price of maize meal, the staple diet, helped themselves from shopkeepers' windows.

The young refugee and other patrons were in the beerhall at midday when a group of eight armed vigilantes - all Indians ranging from a gangly youth aged 18 to a portly greybeard - dressed mostly in jeans and T-shirts, stormed in, yelling at everyone to fall flat as they fired their AK-47 rifles and shotguns in the air.

People were kicked, punched, belittled and prodded with gun-barrels before they were told to scatter. As they ran, the vigilantes ran behind them, shouting "faster,

faster" and continuing to fire over their heads.

The next day President Kaunda was touring the ransacked shops of Cairo Road, the unkempt city centre, and told the shopkeepers: "The security forces cannot be everywhere at once. It is up to you."

The shopkeepers, however, had anticipated his blessing. At the outbreak of the rioting, the mob divided its wrath evenly between the stores of the Indian traders and those owned by the state. By Tuesday the Indians had organised themselves into vigilante groups, sometimes with a few white members.

The vigilantes roamed the compounds and the university, where students also clashed with security forces, but mostly concentrated on the area known as "Madras", where the crescent moons and the reverse swastikas - and the homes big enough to be small hotels - proclaim it to be the "Indian quarter". They were seen kicking people, chasing them, clubbing them with gun butts and firing mostly police-issued weapons.

Lusaka journalists were able to confirm the deaths of more than 50 people in the rioting. It is certain some were killed by vigilantes, but how many is not known. "The

vigilantes went too far," a black Lusaka lawyer said. "It was vengeance over the looting of their shops, not law and order."

Another group that played a big role in confronting the rioters was the anti-robbery squad, a volunteer organisation loosely attached to the police, which acts as a rapid-reaction unit to the lawlessness with which the Zambian police have failed to cope for so long.

Lusaka is a city of a million people, but has the infrastructure and services to employ, house and feed perhaps only a tenth of that number. The rest of the population is "surplus", seeking in the capital's dirty, dirty compounds, an alternative to life in the rural areas, where Dr Kaunda's economic policies have destroyed farming as a sensible source of income. Crime is one of the most actively pursued alternatives.

The tales of the boldness and murderousness of Lusaka's under-world are legion, but speaking for themselves are the 10ft walls topped with razor wire, the albatross guard dogs, the security guards and impenetrable burglar bars that have turned once-elegant colonial homes into inhospitable fortresses. The anti-robbery squad is run by

Ken Shepherd, a New Zealand-born former British policeman, who is almost revered as a saviour by Lusaka's better-off.

One white businessman said: "It's a bit of a shoot-first-and-ask-questions-later scene, but it has made a big difference to life here. If you're in trouble, you'll get help in minutes. No one bothers calling the police."

Mr Shepherd, who works by day for a transport company and roams Lusaka by night in a Toyota Land Cruiser with blue police lights on the roof, has denied that the unit is a cowboy outfit. He speaks about the need for discipline, and says he will not have young bloods looking for live target practice.

One of the squad's young Indian members has acquired an almost demonic reputation. Universally known as Patel, he runs a touring company but is almost a full-time member of the squad. Word has it that members of his family were brutalised by robbers a few years ago and that he now haunts Lusaka after dark like an angel of death on a mission of revenge. It is also said that Patel, nicknamed "Flying Squad", has recently taken another young Indian, whose family was attacked by robbers, under his

wing. Several Indians are also members of the paramilitary police, the heavily armed elite unit of "stormtroopers" on whose loyalty Dr Kaunda relies for his personal security in these turbulent days when talk of coups is rife.

One was at the head of a detachment guarding the High Court, where Christon Tembo, a former army commander, is on trial for treason. With a thin moustache, an AK-47 resting on his right hip, a pistol held loosely in his left hand and pockets crammed with tear-gas canisters, he surveyed the scene through reflective dark glasses.

Indians are relatively recent arrivals in east and central Africa, following mostly in the steps of the European colonists. Their conspicuousness and wealth have often made them targets for official abuse, none more gross than Idi Amin's mass expulsions of them from Uganda, of which he was then president, in the Seventies. Their close alignments with governments in power are therefore always a form of insurance.

In Lusaka, however, they have gone considerably further than the ritual placing of advertisements in state-owned newspapers to hail the birthday of a ruler.

## Tender touch puts palace in a spin



PRINCE Aya and Princess Kiko breaking with formal tradition as she adjusts his hair at the end of an official photo session after their wedding last Friday.

The photograph has caused a clash between the Imperial Household Agency, which manages palace affairs, and nearly all of Japan's main newspapers. (AP reports from Tokyo).

The Kyodo News Service photographer, Toshiaki Nakayama, was hired by the agency to take official portraits for distribution to the Tokyo Press Photographers' Association. He had finished taking a group photo of the newlyweds with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, and as the imperial

couple left the room Princess Kiko smoothed the hair of her new husband. Mr Nakayama captured the couple in this unposed moment.

Palace officials felt it was a breach of trust and decided to withdraw authorisation of the "inappropriate" photograph. But before the palace could move the photograph was spread across the pages of leading newspapers.

An Imperial Household Agency official refused to comment on whether the palace was worried about the fuss but said the issue had not been resolved. "It's not a question of good or bad," he said.

"The photo was taken at an inappropriate time, and was not sanctioned by the Imperial Household Agency."

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# Battle rages over choice of deputy for Gorbachev

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BEHIND the many open disputes at the 28th congress of the Soviet Communist party one is being kept carefully hidden: the battle for the position of deputy to President Gorbachev within the party. The outcome will be crucial in determining the party's future course and character.

Mr Gorbachev's own position in the party is not in question. With most of the votes from the Russian and Ukrainian delegations guaranteed, he is assured of being easily re-elected general secretary.

The struggle for the position as his deputy has three phases: whether there should be a deputy at all, whether the post will be included in an overall restructuring of the leadership bodies and, only third, who should hold it.

When he became president in March, Mr Gorbachev seemed reluctant to take a deputy, but members of the full Soviet parliament forced a vote and Anatoli Lukyanov, chairman of the Supreme Soviet, was given the title and function of vice-president. Mr Gorbachev made it clear, however, that he would take all the important decisions even on his holiday.

The party statute has never made provision for the general secretary to have a deputy although there has tended to be informal deputies, popularly known though never formally identified as second secretaries. Brezhnev in his later years had Chernenko and Chernenko (lest it be forgotten) had Mr Gorbachev.

In his first two years as party leader, Mr Gorbachev appeared also to have an informal second secretary in Yegor Ligachev. As Mr Ligachev said yesterday, he regularly chaired the central committee secretariat, nominally the job of the general secretary, until the secretariat "virtually ceased to exist" in 1987.

The reasons for the decline and subsequent revival of the secretariat have never been identified, but when Mr Ligachev was made central committee secretary for agriculture he lost any claim he might have had to being second secretary. In what was seen as a considerable victory over Politburo conservatives, Mr Gorbachev became sole leader of the party.

In the past few months Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Soviet leader's close associate, has seemed to step into the position of second secretary. He deputised for Mr Gorbachev during his recent short illness and minded the Kremlin while the Soviet leader was travelling in America.

Criticism of Mr Gorbachev's lack of a deputy

became public last month when Mr Ligachev suggested that he was concentrating on his role as president to the detriment of his party duties. Many congress delegates will say publicly that they believe that being president and general secretary is too much for one man. Mr Gorbachev himself concedes the undesirability of one person holding both posts, but insists that he must do so for the time being.

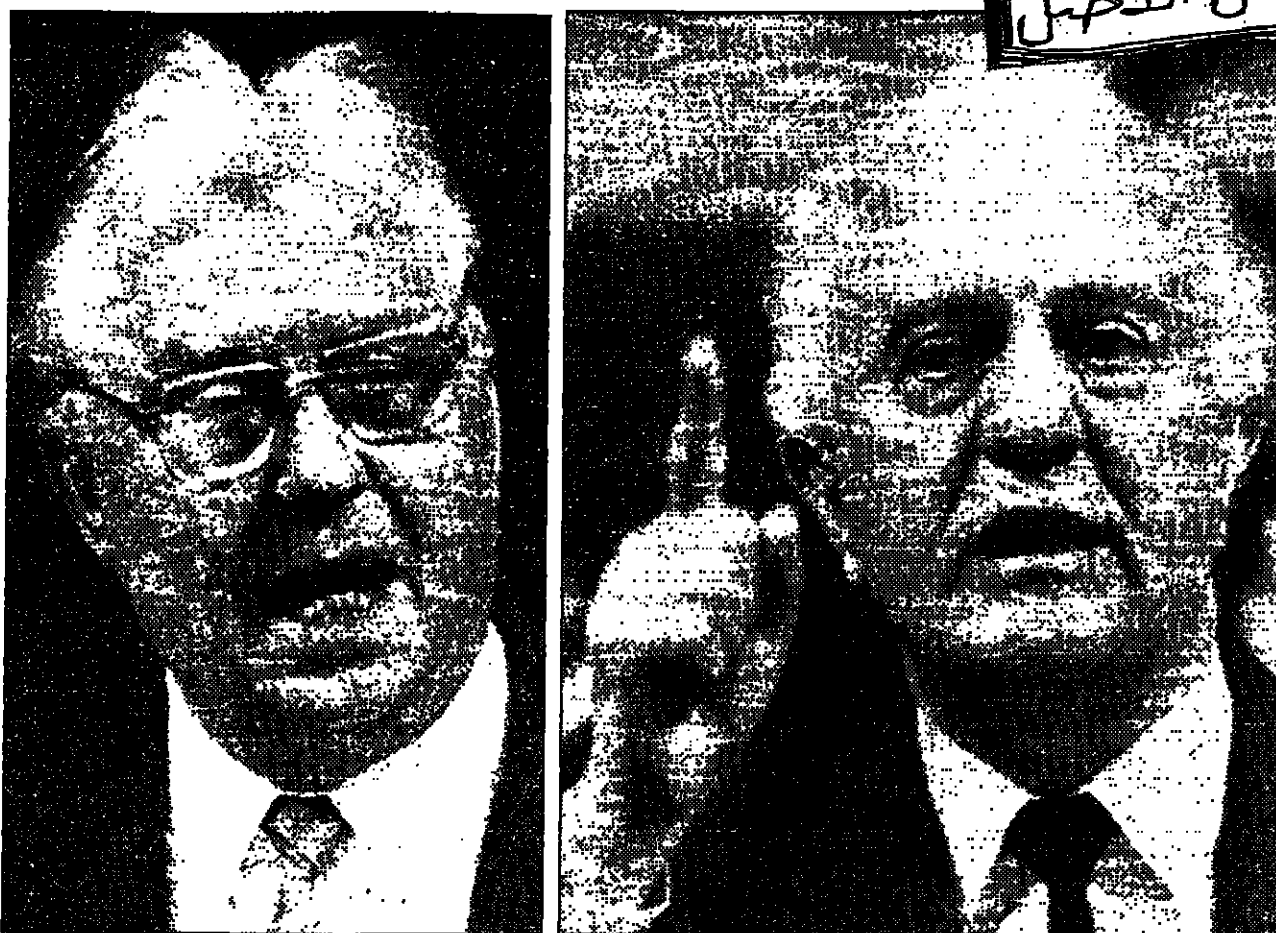
The Soviet leader's preferred option is to introduce the post of deputy within an overhaul of the leadership structure. The new draft of the party rules, which will be discussed at the congress, provides for the abolition of both the politburo and the post of general secretary and the introduction of a new and larger body, the presidium, to be headed by a chairman with two deputies. The central committee secretariat will be retained, and will have its own "first secretary".

Reformists at the congress tend to favour the proposed restructuring, which they see as the first formal move away from the rigidly centralised leadership structure instituted by Stalin. They believe the politburo to be too detached from ordinary party organisations and their members, and see the larger presidium, in which all the party organisations of the republics will have seats, as a move towards better representation for the republics and provinces and greater accountability.

Conservatives are not alone in the party in opposing the restructuring and renaming. They are attached to the old concepts and the old names. For them, the politburo has always been a body of collective responsibility and the general secretary no more than first among equals. They see the larger presidium as dangerous decentralisation and the introduction of a chairman as an undesirable modernism.

Those who want to retain the politburo were in the majority at the delegates' conference before the congress and could well get their way. While retaining the status quo, however, they want to introduce the new post of deputy general secretary.

Opinion in favour of a deputy general secretary is stronger among conservatives than among reformers, but both believe that Mr Gorbachev should have a deputy. Beyond that, there is sharp divergence. Reformers see the post as an opportunity for Mr Gorbachev to receive much-needed support. Conservatives see it as a way for their voice to be heard at the top and a mechanism by which proposed reform can be restrained or even reversed.



Debating points: Yegor Ligachev, the conservative leader, left, Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, centre, and Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the defence minister, addressing the 28th Communist party congress in Moscow yesterday. Marshal Yazov had difficulty in moving after his speech and had to be helped to his seat

## France signals a shift in policy over stance on nuclear weapons

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AFTER more than two decades of Gaullist isolationism, France has decided to attend the next round of international talks on curbing the spread of nuclear weapons. A spokesman for the Quai d'Orsay said yesterday that an official observer would be sent to Geneva for next month's meeting of the International Atomic Energy Authority at which signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will review policy for the 1990s.

This is interpreted as a sign the French are contemplating a policy shift to bring them into line with their eleven European Community partners who have signed the treaty. In the words of the Quai d'Orsay, it underlines France's interest in "the important international debate which will take place there".

Since France is believed to deploy the world's largest nuclear arsenal after the US and USSR, any change in the bristling independent stance, adopted by General de Gaulle when the treaty was drawn up in 1968, would provide an important boost for efforts to limit the spread of nuclear weapons technology in the third world.

France apart, China is the only front-rank nuclear power that originally refused to put its name to the treaty: now virtually all the original non-signatories, China included, are sending observers to Geneva. The view in Paris now is that while France has adhered to the terms of the treaty since it was drawn up, it is time to become more closely associated with efforts to achieve "a stable and equitable regime" of non-proliferation. In five years' time, the Quai d'Orsay spokesman noted, a

special conference of signatory members will be meeting to discuss the future of the treaty: before then, "France will continue to seek the broadest possible consensus between non-proliferation of nuclear weaponry and the development of civil applications of atomic energy".

In recent weeks, Paris has been sending out signals that it is ready to lift the strict blanket of secrecy surrounding French nuclear tests in the South Pacific. Two months ago, President Mitterrand instructed the defence ministry to drop the ultra-secretive approach under which France refused to confirm or deny scientific evidence of nuclear explosions at military testing sites. However, the French

decision to be represented in Geneva must be assessed against the government's continued refusal to contemplate rejoining Nato's integrated military command.

Only last month, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the defence minister, went out of his way, in a speech in London, to emphasise that, while France is ready to participate in Nato's plans for adapting to change in East Europe, there would be no going back on General de Gaulle's 1966 decision to pull forces out of the military command.

● PRAGUE: Czechoslovakia will consider leaving the Warsaw Pact unless it is reorganised in a way that would result in Czechoslovak control of the nation's armed

forces, Marian Calfa, the prime minister, said yesterday. "We plan to remain in the Warsaw Pact, but only if its inner political and military reorganisation is put through," he told parliament.

Mr Calfa, outlining his government's programme for the next two years, said his country's goal was to attend a 36-nation summit conference on European security in Paris later this year "as a state whose army is subordinate only to its own command". Hungary has been the only Warsaw Pact member to announce formally that it is seeking to leave the alliance.

Mr Calfa's statement was the strongest to date that Czechoslovakia was weighing a similar move. (AP)

## Bonn agrees to big cuts in forces of united Germany

By IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BONN, it has become clear, expects the two-day Nato summit starting in London tomorrow to play an important part in resolving the external security aspects of German reunification.

Senior West German ministers involved with security questions yesterday took an important step in that direction by agreeing to accept substantial cuts in the armed forces of a united Germany to speed unity.

Cuts already being made have brought the Bundeswehr down to 450,000, while the East German Army has no more than 95,000 men left in uniform. Bonn is now ready to see the combined total cut by 155,000.

The agreement which will be presented to the summit was reached by Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his foreign minister, and Gerhard Stoltenberg, the defence minister.

In London, West German diplomatic sources said Bonn hoped Nato leaders would produce a short, crisp communiqué emphasising the alliance's political role to reassure Moscow, still concerned about a united Germany's membership of Nato.

Bonn also hopes to persuade Nato leaders to agree on new words to replace both forward defence and nuclear deterrence. The French concept of *dissuasion* is favoured but there is no obvious German translation.

A German official agreed that, while nuclear weapons were deployed in Europe, Nato countries had to accept

shared responsibilities for them. He pointed out that West Germany deployed a larger number of US nuclear weapons than other European members of Nato, but he would not be drawn on whether Germany would ever accept deployment on German territory of new nuclear systems, such as the tactical air-to-surface missile.

On the question of whether the alliance should retain the right to first use of nuclear weapons, Herr Kohl was said to be ready to accept the decision of the alliance, even if it was unpopular with his voters.

German officials said yesterday that Bonn wanted to see the end of the "unnecessary concentration" of arms in Germany and that this should be dealt with as soon as the present Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna had been concluded. There should also be a "much lower" level of forces stationed on German soil.

Although the summit is not expected to talk about specific force levels for "CFE" negotiations, the Germans are already discussing with their alliance partners and with East European countries and the Soviet Union a possible format for a non-Nato territorial army to be based in East Germany.

The favoured format is for West German officers and non-commissioned officers to have tours of duty in the Eastern section, taking command of the territorial army and helping to train the conscript soldiers. During these tours they would no longer be

assigned to Nato. At present the West German Army consists of 325,000 men, 72,000 of whom are officers and NCOs. The total East German armed forces have 66,000 officers and NCOs, many of them regarded in Bonn as unsuitable for command of an army in a unified democratic Germany.

One senior German diplomatic source said that "97 per cent of the officers are members of the Communist party, and among them are men who have commanded units who were under orders to shoot refugees trying to escape to the West. It would be wrong to have this sort of officer in command. They should be told to look for other jobs."

Because of the reduced tensions between East and West, the British Army of the Rhine is to abandon its controversial plan to build a special village on its Sennelager training area in which to teach soldiers how to fight in towns and cities. ● Warsaw fears: Senior officials of the two Germanies and the four second world war allies are to meet in East Berlin today for the next round of "two plus four talks" on the external aspects of reunification (Andrew McEwen writes).

The meeting today will concentrate on Warsaw's fears that a united Germany might try to expand East to incorporate parts of Poland that were taken from Germany after the second world war. A Polish official will join the six for the first time, and the talks will prepare for a ministerial meeting in Paris on July 17.

## Brittan cautions East Berlin over rash of mergers

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

SIGNALLING growing unease in Brussels over the wholesale takeover of East German companies, Sir Leon Brittan has sent a tart letter to East Berlin, reminding the government that from now on it must consult the European Commission before approving big mergers.

Sir Leon, the commissioner for competition policy, wrote to Dr Gerhard Pohl, the East German economics minister, expressing "grave concern" over the rash of proposed mergers of which he had learnt in the press.

In particular, he objected to Dr Pohl's approval of the takeover of the former state insurance company, now renamed Deutsche Versicherung, by Allianz, the largest West German insurance company.

Noting that legal unification of East and West Germany was likely to be achieved within a few months, he reminded Dr Pohl that East Germany would then become a part of the European Community.

"I would be grateful if in future you would give the European Commission an opportunity to make the position of Brussels clear to your government and that of the Federal Republic before your government approves mergers and takeovers which the European Community considers politically and legally worrying in terms of competition," he added. "It is certainly in the interests of your government to find out the position of the European Community, to which your country will shortly belong."

In an extraordinary sign of displeasure, Sir Leon did not end his letter with any normal courtesy expression, but simply signed his name.

He sent a copy of his letter to Helmut Haussmann, the West German economics minister, asking him to support his reminder to East Berlin. He told Dr Haussmann, equally curtly, that he assumed it was also in West Germany's interests to be included in negotiations. But he signed himself, as custom requires, "with friendly greetings". For some months Sir Leon has been issuing public

warnings that German unification must not be an excuse to breach EC competition rules.

But his letter, dated June 28, is the sharpest warning yet that Brussels is keeping a keen eye on unification, and will not hesitate to step in if it believes the two countries are taking advantage.

Bonn is now negotiating with the commission for exceptions to EC law and transition arrangements while the East German economy is adapted to community rules. It has promised to keep Brussels fully informed of all the discussions between Bonn and East Berlin, and until now there appeared to be exemplary co-operation between the special EC task force on Germany and the West German government.

Bonn has several times called on its non-German companies to help restructure the East in East Germany and to take advantage of the single market opportunities to invest in the East. But the response from most companies has been cautious so far, and there is a general feeling that West German industry has an unassailable lead.

Brussels has always reserved the right to investigate the merger of any companies outside the territory of the Twelve if they trade substantially within the community. But the application of other EC rules in such fields as agriculture and environment will not officially be possible until legal unification, although a single currency has already brought East Germany within the EC's financial and budgetary orbit.

East Germany has always enjoyed privileged access to the community market via its backdoor entry into West Germany. For a brief period the country will also benefit from the special help Brussels is extending to East European countries.

● EAST BERLIN: The East German justice minister, Kurt Wunsche, under fire for his role in his ministry under the ousted communist regime, resigned from the Liberal Party yesterday under pressure from Bonn. (Reuters)

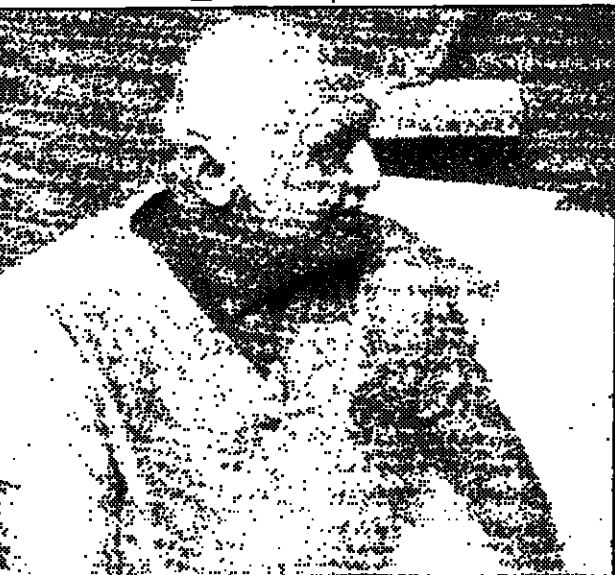
## Chernobyl helicopter hero dies

From CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

ANATOLI Grishchenko, the Soviet helicopter pilot who flew repeatedly over the Chernobyl power station in the days after the 1986 disaster, has died in a Seattle hospital from a lung disease linked to leukaemia.

Mr Grishchenko, who was 53, was decorated as a national hero after making five flights to dump sand and concrete on the burning nuclear reactor. His bravery was credited with helping to limit the devastation inflicted on the people of the surrounding countryside from the spreading radiation.

He was admitted to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre on April 27 for a bone marrow transplant to treat two separate leukaemias.



Anatoli Grishchenko at the cancer research centre in Seattle where he was being treated for leukaemia

## Spending spree brightens road to the Grim Reaper

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE American entrepreneurial spirit has come up with a new way to make money out of life's only certainty - death.

Undaunted by accusations of ghoulishness, a number of firms over the past year have begun buying life insurance policies from terminally ill patients who wish to fulfil their dreams but need an infusion of cash.

Typically, a company buys a policy at a fraction of its face value, once doctors have assessed the original holder's life expectancy in months, and becomes the sole beneficiary. Most of the sellers are Aids patients, many of whom have been saddled with high medical bills and see no reason to continue suffering while their money is locked up for someone else.

Although few policyholders have spouses, most of the new companies ask all primary beneficiaries of the policies to sign a waiver in order to avoid potential legal troubles with

families who will no longer collect large sums when their relatives die.

People who have traded in their policies with Living Benefits Inc, a father-and-son firm in New Mexico which pioneered the business, have variously spent their money during their final months on sight-seeing trips to Europe, a month-long beach holiday in Acapulco and donations to churches. One man installed air-conditioning in his home to make his last days more comfortable, while another built a new house for his wife.

But the risky business is not for the faint-hearted. There is no guarantee, practitioners note with the emotional detachment of committed investors, that a patient will actually die as predicted.

"It takes a lot of money and a lot of nerve," said Robert Worley Sr, the co-founder of Living Benefits, which operates at the edge of a motorway outside Albuquerque. "We're basically betting on the accuracy of a panel of physicians and God's in charge of people dying, not people."

The new industry has won approval from many Aids support groups whose clients have lost their jobs, because they have advanced complications from the disease, yet must still pay out large sums for medication. But many hesitate to endorse the notion wholeheartedly.

"There is something a little macabre about the whole idea," said David Hansell, the director of legal services for an organisation called Gay Men's Health Crisis, in New York. "One of the concerns is that it puts people in the position of gambling against themselves, which can be psychologically devastating."

Others are worried that the new firms are not regulated as insurance companies, permitting third-party brokers to exploit patients hungry for cash, by buying policies at big discounts. So far, though, Mr Hansell has received no complaints. He even chuckled at the initials of one firm, BGR International Inc, - Beat the Grim Reaper.

But some experts and state insurance officials see little to laugh about. They have expressed concern

that the new industry gives companies an interest in their clients' lives and that terminally ill patients may relinquish their life insurance policies when too sick to look out for the best deal for themselves.

Steven Simon, the head of American Life Resources Corp in Miami, regards his service as "a nice mix of profits and compassion". He estimates he has bought 141 insurance policies since opening business last year, totalling a face value of \$13.5 million (£7.6 million), but he declined to name his investors. His lawyers, he said, are looking at expanding into Europe.

Mr Worley estimates his firm has bought, or signed contracts on about 80 policies for \$9.5 million, with about 75 further policies in the pipeline. He and his son, Rob Worley Jr, an independent insurance agent, pay the premiums of the policies they buy with bank loans secured by their own assets. One recent client, Don, a former advertising copywriter who has Aids, cashed in a policy for \$240,000 with Mr Worley for \$130,000. His

only gripe is that he did not get more. The Worleys, he noted, "really can call the shots" until there is more competition. Living Benefits generally pays between 55 per cent and 80 per cent of a policy's face value, depending on the outstanding premiums, interest rates and the life expectancy of the holder. Only patients with 24 months or less to live are accepted. Negotiations usually take place by telephone.

Otherwise, Don, aged 33, is happy. He is using his money to throw a big party at the end of the month for his family and friends, who supported his decision to cash in. He has paid off all his debts and is planning a tour of Italy, Turkey and Greece. He believes the cash injection has extended his life by removing financial stress.

"My whole philosophy is I'm going to do this but I'm going to beat the odds," said Don, who chose not to find out how many months doctors had given him to live. "If you can beat the odds and make a little money then it's even better."

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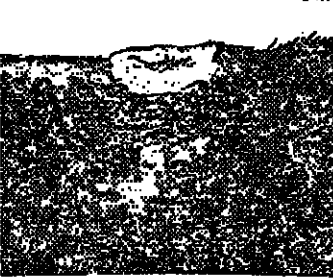
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# Doe trapped in Monrovia mansion, rebels claim

FROM AGENCIES IN MONROVIA AND ABIDJAN

THE six-month civil war in Liberia appeared to be near its climax yesterday as rebel sources, monitoring the situation by radio from Abidjan in Ivory Coast, reported that troops from the National Patriotic Front, attempting to oust President Doe, had broken into the centre of the capital, Monrovia, coming within 200 yards of the president's heavily fortified executive mansion.

The president is believed to be inside the Israeli-built beachside mansion, with 500 men of his elite presidential guard. Last weekend, the United States ambassador in Monrovia, Peter de Vos, re-

iterated an American promise to escort the president out of the country, but he has not taken up the offer.

Western diplomats in the city reported heavy firing and shelling in the eastern and western suburbs on Monday, and said the atmosphere was extremely tense.

The rebels had been expected to encounter the stiffest resistance at the Scheffelin army base 12 miles east of Monrovia. But Western journalists, in a joint report on Monday, said rebels had either bypassed the camp, or taken it as they advanced. Apart from the presidential guard, there are thought to be only an additional 500 government troops in the capital as a whole.

The rebel sources, contacted by telephone, claimed that 800 rebels, commanded by "General" Moussa Issa, have been operating recently in and around Monrovia.

Several thousand more are advancing on a number of fronts "to get the job done", the source said, adding that the rebel leader, Charles Taylor, was close to the city directing operations.

The rebel second battalion is said to be moving in from Careyburg after regrouping at Kakata, an important road junction 31 miles north of Monrovia. Equipped with recoilless 106mm canon and mortars, they are expected to capture soon one of two bridges across the Mesurado river, the rebel source said. A third front had been opened by the 1,000-strong first battalion from Buchanan, captured early last month.

The eastern road route to Robertsfield, Liberia's only international airport, has been cut for some time and since Saturday no planes have left the small Spriggs Payne airfield in the city.

Petrol is virtually unobtainable, and the rebels also appear to control the main electricity supply from the Mount Coffee power station, about 18 miles northwest of Monrovia. Telephone and tele links to the capital were cut on Monday. Diplomats have said that drinking water is running out, and there have been reports of cholera outbreaks.

In a last-ditch attempt to cling to power, President Doe, who has already promised he will not stand in elections scheduled for next year, offered on Monday to form a government of national unity, to include representatives of the rebel force.

Since postponed peace talks in Sierra Leone failed to resume early last week, the rebels have seemed determined to take Monrovia. Diplomatic sources there said that the army appeared to have no plans to defend the city.



Strategy talks: President Bush and Vice-President Dan Quayle on the golf course at Mr Bush's holiday home in Kennebunkport, Maine, yesterday. In between the golf the President and his advisers prepared for next week's summit of seven industrialized nations in Houston

## Peking and Jakarta heal rift spanning 23 years

FROM CATHERINE SAMSON IN PEKING

CHINA and Indonesia yesterday agreed to resume diplomatic relations. A visit by Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, to Jakarta on August 8 will mark the end of 23 years of estrangement.

The decision by the two most populous nations in the region was announced in a joint communiqué over glasses of champagne at the end of three days of talks in Peking between Indonesia's foreign minister, Ali Alatas, and his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen. The Indonesian minister told a press conference that while his visit to Peking had been important, it was the visit by Li Peng to Jakarta which would be "historic".

Diplomatic relations, originally established in 1950, were suspended after Indonesia accused China of backing an abortive communist uprising in September, 1965. Over 500,000 people died in massacres of alleged left-wingers as the coup was put down and President Suharto came to power. From then on the military leadership in Indonesia labelled China as the main threat to peace and stability in South-east Asia.

But last year a meeting between President Suharto and the Chinese foreign minister in Tokyo lent momentum to the normalisation process. Yesterday both foreign ministers said that normalisation of ties would mean a more stable South-east Asia.

China has never admitted involvement in the attempted coup but has now given Indonesia assurances that it will not interfere in its internal affairs. Qian Qichen reassuringly told his counterpart yesterday that if there was an

aftermath of isolation from the West after the June 4 massacre. Singapore already ranks as China's biggest trading partner in South-east Asia, with Indonesia running second. Direct trade ties between China and Indonesia were resumed in 1985. Since then two-way trade has been worth \$920 million (£575 million). But since relations were severed, Jakarta has owed Peking \$120 million and a debt repayment agreement was signed yesterday.

Indonesia has nurtured close ties with Taiwan and both foreign ministers confirmed that this had been raised in their talks, but emphasized that it was not a contentious issue.

Singapore has a healthy relationship, but no diplomatic relations, with both Taiwan and China. Now that Indonesia has led the way, Qian Qichen said, Singapore was preparing to establish diplomatic relations with Peking. Both Indonesia and Singapore will count as important additions to Peking's diplomatic and strategic armory, especially in the

aftermath of isolation from the West after the June 4 massacre.

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Yesterday's announcement closes an extraordinary era in Chinese relations with South-east Asia and eases Peking's post Tiananmen Square isolation.

But the new chapter opening up — with both Singapore and Malaysia expected to follow suit shortly — is qualified by an uneasiness about the direction of the old men now leading the isolated regime in Peking.

## Serbian angry over bid to alter status of Kosovo

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERBIANS reacted angrily yesterday to an attempt to change Kosovo from a dependent province to a full-fledged republic, and accused the rival republic of Slovenia of masterminding the action.

A Serbian group in Kosovo yesterday called on the Serbian government, which administers Kosovo, to replace all ethnic Albanian deputies in the state and federal parliaments. In a statement carried by Tanjug news agency they singled out for criticism Riza Sapundjiju, Kosovo's representative in Yugoslavia's eight-man federal presidency who yesterday declared his support for self-government in the province.

Yugoslavia is breaking at the seams as the impasse over the pending new constitution persists. The rift between her six republics is widening, with Slovenia declaring independence from the federal authority, and Kosovo Albanians doing the same with respect to Serbia.

The federal institutions have been practically paralysed by the weight of current pressures, making the task of the federal premier, Ante Markovic, in implementing democratic reforms virtually impossible. Everything is now in the balance, with all options possible, from modified federation to a confederation of independent states, or civil war.

The idea that it would be best for each republic to go its own way, unthinkable only a few months ago, is now seen as a serious possibility. Moreover, it is gaining ground among the population, even in Serbia whose hardline leader, Slobodan Milosevic, many regard as a principal culprit for the current state of affairs. He recently warned that should the federal system prevail, Serbia would seek indepen-

dence which would in turn raise the question of frontier adjustments, a warning which indicates Serbia would make territorial claims on other republics.

Serbia was quick to rebut the declaration of independence by Albanian deputies in the regional assembly, saying such an "act of political violence" had no legal validity. The provincial assembly, where Albanian deputies command the majority, is due to meet later this week. Serbia is expected either to dissolve the regional parliament or take the issue to the parliament of Serbia.

In Slovenia the parliament has adopted a resolution on full state sovereignty which stops short of secession but is only a small step from breaking with the Yugoslav federation.

With strong separatist pressure also in Croatia, whose new leadership won the election on a pledge to restore Croatian independence, the trend in Yugoslavia is moving towards confederation. In Macedonia, Yugoslavia's most southern republic, the newly-formed opposition groups are strong nationalists. Only Serbia, the largest republic, and Montenegro, where there is a growing movement for unification for Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the heart of the country, still appear resolved to hold together the frail federal state.

Serbia is about to push through its new constitution which would chip away a regional autonomy where 1,700,000 Albanians represent the overwhelming ethnic majority.

## Hungarian miners fight pit sell-offs

Budapest — Less than a week after the Hungarian government unveiled its wide-ranging privatisation programme it was facing a strong challenge yesterday from striking miners demanding that their mines should not be handed over to private shareholders (Ernest Beck writes).

More than 3,000 miners began a protest strike in Oroszlany on Monday calling for higher wages, the dismissal of "corrupt Communist party bosses" and guarantees that workers' councils will be allowed to manage the mines. The ministry of trade and industry granted a 50 per cent incremental wage rise, increased benefits and removal of local mine managers.

## Envoy resigns

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Washington — A USAir plane that skidded into New York's East river killing two people, last year, could have taken off safely if the captain had not aborted takeoff, federal investigators said. (AP)

## Just food

Madrid — Spain's highest court, the Constitutional Tribunal, has ruled that authorities are justified in force-feeding hunger-striking terrorists.

## Loan interest

Mexico City — A panda cub weighing three ounces has been born in Chapultepec zoo, here, to Towi, a 408 lb mother, herself born in captivity, and Xia-Xia, a strapping "English" panda on loan from London zoo. (Reuters)

## Nappy cash

St Louis — BASF Wyandotte Corp, a West German chemical company, has agreed to pay \$3.75 million (£2.1 million) to Fawna Wright, aged 23, who claimed her leukaemia was caused by Loxene, a detergent used to launder her nappies. (AP)

## Leaders of two Koreas to hold talks in Seoul

FROM JOHN GITTLESOHN IN PANMUNJOM, KOREA

NORTH and South Korea agreed in principle yesterday that their prime ministers should hold military and political talks in Seoul.

The meeting, which could take place as early as next month, would be the highest level contacts between the two countries since they went to war 40 years ago. Representatives from both sides hailed the tentative agreement as a big breakthrough in relations.

Paik Nam Jun, North Korea's chief delegate to the preliminary talks held at this border village, said: "This is a milestone on the road to reunification of Korea." Both

North and South Koreans agreed that changing world conditions, particularly the reunification of Germany, have made the time ripe for a similar movement.

South Korean officials claimed credit for the breakthrough after conceding to the North's demand that military issues should top the agenda. The South had previously demanded that talks focus first on economic and humanitarian topics as early confidence building measures.

A West European diplomat in Seoul said: "The day the two prime ministers actually sit down and talk is the day I'll be impressed."

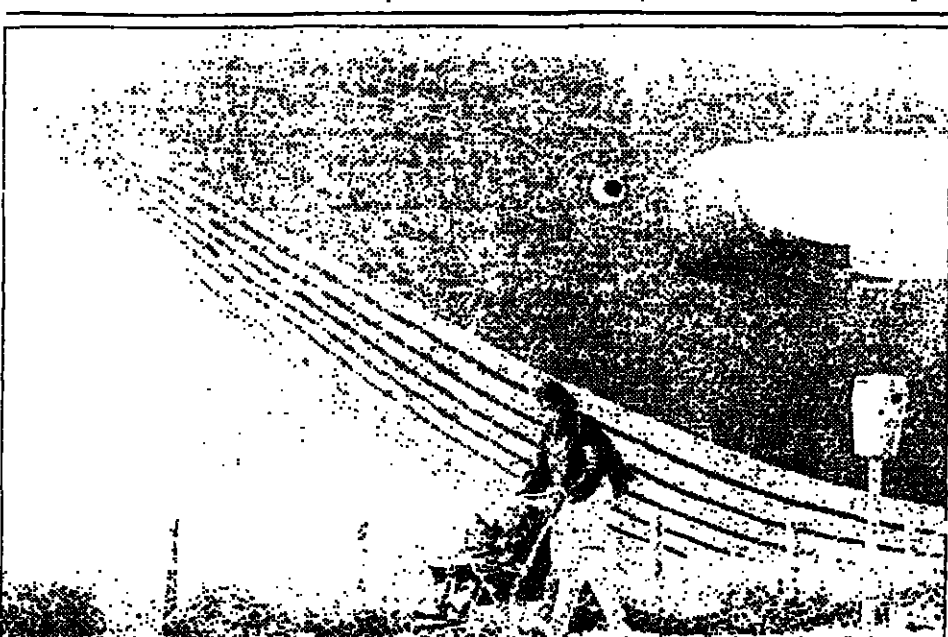
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## Call to stop dolphin slaughter

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY IN NOORDWIJK, THE NETHERLANDS

SEVEN countries yesterday asked the International Whaling Commission to turn its attention to the increasing worldwide slaughter of dolphins and porpoises through hunting or being accidentally trapped in fishing nets.

A resolution was proposed at the commission's annual meeting in the Netherlands calling for it to make a comprehensive study of the problem. The extent of the killing was revealed in a report last week from the Environmental Investigation Agency, a British pressure group which suggested that in excess of 500,000 dolphins and porpoises were dying annually in uncontrolled kills around the

world. It is likely that the study, which if agreed on is to be completed for next year's meeting, would preface a further attempt to get official protection from the commission for threatened animals.

At present small cetaceans — dolphins, porpoises and small whales — do not come within the remit of the commission, which concerns itself with the "great whales" of traditional hunts, and there is certain to be strong opposition from a number of countries to the move, which is being led by New Zealand.

The resolution was co-sponsored by Finland, France, West Germany, the Neth-

erlands, Switzerland and Sweden — but not Britain, despite the assertion to journalists last week of John Gummer, the agriculture minister, that Britain would be taking the lead on the question.

Last night, however, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that Britain had inadvertently been left off the list, and yesterday afternoon Britain's whaling commissioner, Alison Blackburn, spoke in support of the move.

It is considered vital by conservationists, as evidence is mounting that some species of dolphins and porpoises are being driven to extinction, especially off Japan.



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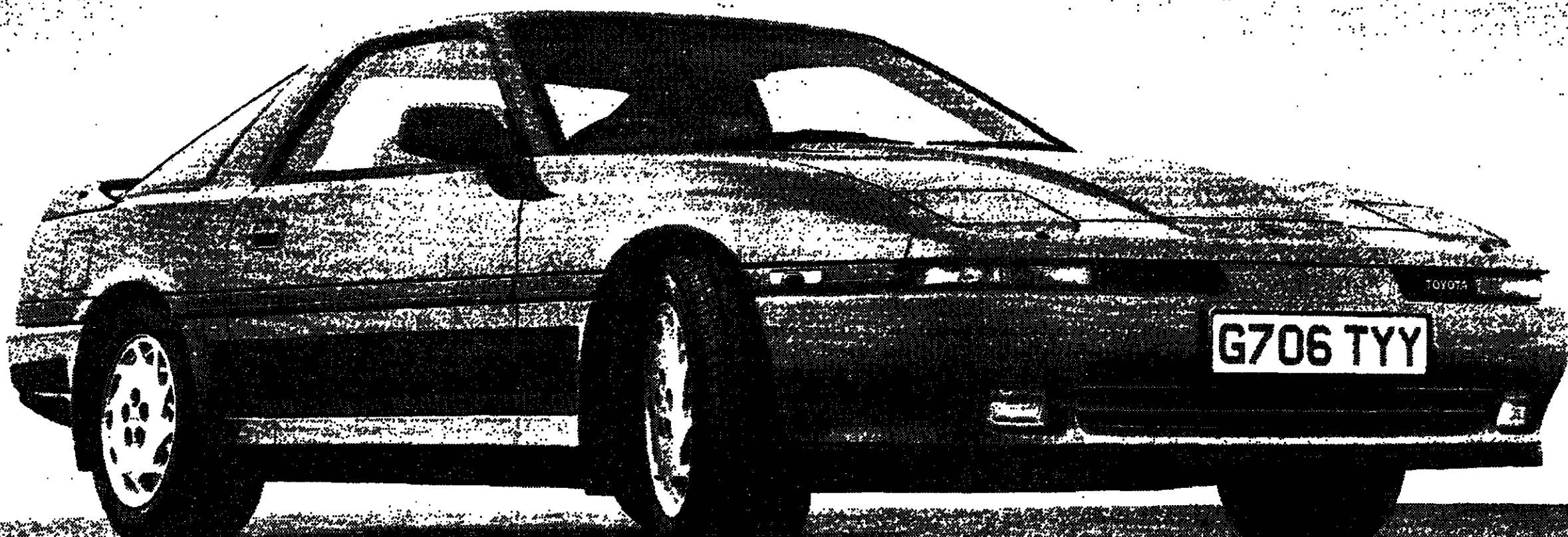


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## Hungarian miners fight pit sell-offs

Budapest — Less than a week after the Hungarian government unveiled its wide-ranging privatisation programme, it was facing a strong challenge yesterday from striking miners demanding that their mines should not be handed over to private shareholders (Ernest Beck writes).

More than 300 miners began a protest strike in Oroszlány on Monday, calling for higher wages, the dismissal of "corrupt Communist party bosses" and guaranteeing that workers' councils will be allowed to manage the mines. The ministry of trade and industry granted a 50 per cent incremental wage rise, increased benefits and removal of local mine managers.

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## Good food guidelines

Martin Jacques

For the moment at least, mad cow disease has disappeared from the headlines. One suspects, however, that it will not be long before another food scare is upon us. Salmonella, listeria, botulism and poisoned shellfish are just a few of the food panics that have grabbed public attention over the last year or so.

The concern about infection through the food supply, however, is only part of a much wider picture. There was the additive controversy in the mid-1980s. There is the growing recognition that diet is behind much ill-health and many fatal diseases. And there is the growing evidence that in response, people are beginning to change their diet. According to a Mori poll last autumn, nearly half the population now opt for skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, and buy more polyunsaturated margarine and fresh fruit and vegetables than they used to.

Together, these represent a big shift in attitudes. Yet so far there is little recognition among politicians of what this popular groundswell on food actually represents. The scare over mad cow disease was a classic example. The government's knee-jerk response was to assure people that there was no danger, when clearly there was, and that is how the public perceived it.

As with salmonella and listeria before, the government's reaction was business as usual. The result, according to recent figures from the Consumer Association, has been a big decline in public confidence, with 45 per cent of respondents saying they no longer trust the government's handling of issues like mad cow disease. Meanwhile, there is little evidence that Labour would act much differently.

The new food agenda is emblematic of the changing mood of the past decade. Concern about quality has supplanted old worries about sufficient quantity. The consumer interest is asserting itself against the producer. Within the food industry, retailers are discovering their power in relation to food manufacturers. And public opinion is much better informed, demanding the right to know and the right to choose on the basis of that knowledge. Finally, the food question straddles two of the most powerful cultural impulses of recent years: concern about one's body, embracing such issues as diet, lifestyle and exercise, and a responsibility towards nature, including the state of the planet and our treatment of other species.

This new consciousness is up against a legacy which will be hard to unscramble. Our present food policy stems directly from the last war. The objective then was an adequate supply of food, of reasonable nutritional value and as far as possible home-produced. After the war, the objective simply became cheap food and

plenty of it. "Never mind the quality, feel the quantity" could have been the motto. The result was highly intensive arable farming, based on huge inputs of fertilisers and pesticides, similarly intensive animal husbandry, and highly technological and chemicalised food manufacture. As a consequence, our food was stuffed with chemicals, sugar and fats. It became thoroughly diseased.

This whole system rested on a small oligarchy consisting of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, the farmers and the food manufacturers. Food supply was driven by producers, not consumers. And the people were happy to go along with them. They wanted cheap food and got it. And they left problems of quality and safety to the experts. It is that post-war accord which is now beginning to fall apart.

In an important sense, though, the problem goes back even further. One reason for Britain's food supply being significantly worse than that of most other European countries lies in the nature of our industrial revolution. That was when the foundations of our modern system of food manufacture were laid, and when farming became the preserve of the big landowner and large-scale farmer, unlike the peasant elsewhere. The result was the early and complete estrangement of the urban from the rural, industry from agriculture, industrial workers from the rural. In the process, the urban population was alienated not only from agriculture but also from good food. Their taste and standards were undermined. They developed an appetite for rubbish.

That history is now beginning to unwind. But Parliament still seems largely oblivious to what is at stake. The starting point must be an independent food agency that can look after the interests of consumers as effectively as the MAFF has protected the producers. But that can be only one part of a much wider transformation. Food supply must be demanded. The emphasis on volume and standardisation must be replaced by diversity. Processed food must be increasingly supplanted by fresh food, and the use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers by organic methods. All this requires a new infrastructure of small farmers and producers in an industry which, by western standards, is remarkably concentrated.

But none of this will happen unless people feel a new sense of responsibility, so that when it comes to food, they are active rather than passive citizens. Many already are, which is why things are now in the move. Food will be one of the important issues of the Nineties. One can only hope that by early next century, the philosophy behind Britain's post-war food supply will be seen to have been an aberration.

...and moreover

## CRAIG BROWN

Mr Bob Geldof has recently pronounced upon the great importance of pop music. "I believe that if everything was destroyed from our period," he said, "and nothing survived and historians looked back from the year 3000 and the only thing they could find was pop music tapes, they could probably put together a quite accurate composite of our culture. Our moods, our emotions, what we did, the times... everything from pop music. That's how important it is."

And quite right he is, too. My own life, and the lives of everyone I know, accord uncannily with the picture painted in pop songs. On a trivial level, I always feel fine after drinking wine before saying "You're mine" to my baby, maybe. In reply, my baby says "Da woop, woop, woop da woop." I then confirm once again that I feel fine after drinking wine and saying she's mine, and I repeat this over and over again until, after two minutes 30 seconds, my voice gently fades out.

On a more important, global level, pop music presents, as Mr Geldof says, an accurate composite of our culture. Have you noticed, for instance, how, in real life, money is hardly ever mentioned without some sort of reference to honey? And how they both make one feel kind of funny? In a big deal such as one involving British Aerospace, one can imagine this sort of dialogue as Lord Young leans over in his double-breasted suit with his crisp white cuffs.

Lord Young: "I'll, guys, I'm feeling kinda funny, but I think I've got the money."

Alan Sugar: "You make me feel so sunny. Your kisses are sweeter than honey."

Such sentiments are echoed with extreme precision in a great many pop songs, and, as Geldof maintains, the full complexity of the world is encapsulated in these colourful microcosms. In the year 3,000, those hard-working scientists will certainly be able to construct 20th-century society a-fresh from the pop-song prototype. As now, all women called Julie will be loved truly and all boys called John will have done someone wrong, while everyone called Jack will be wanted

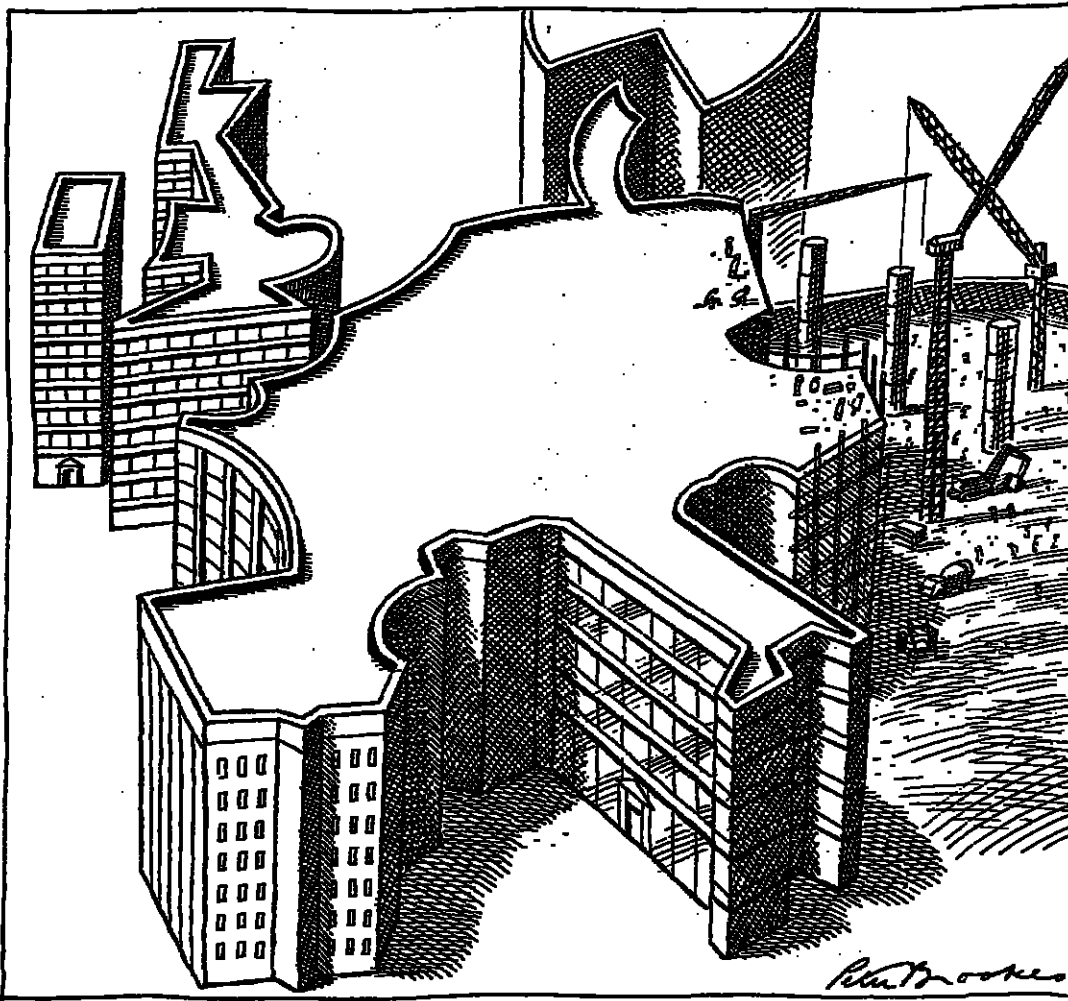
back. There will be no one whatsoever called Gregory, Beatrice or Jessica. The highlight of the year 3000 will, of course, be Christmas, that time when the world remembers the very first Christmas in Smurfland and when everyone wishes everyone else a Wombing Merry Christmas. The rest of the year will be largely taken up with spending a day away from you, ooh, and taking a chance with a little romance during a dance, though there will also be a certain amount of time devoted to taking, making and/or breaking up and feeling all right in the night at first sight.

Nevertheless, one or two things continue to worry me about this composite of the world post-3000. The scientists will have some difficulty in working out quite what "love" was. Songs will advise them differently, telling them that love grows, hurts, kills and never dies, that love is a stranger, blue, for ever, life, so easy, the answer, the drug and the gun and that it has found a way, has come around, is all that matters, is like a violin and will tear us apart.

Beyond the occasional mention of being a singer in a rock 'n' roll band, no pop song has ever made any reference to a job, even for someone called Bob, Rob or Slob, and there are precious few pop songs containing anyone over 23. I can't help but feel that the more elderly and stately areas of society will suffer when Geldof's composite comes to be made.

The Queen's speech last Christmas, for instance, might lack the necessary grace, being over-concentrated upon the way she was feeling so blue being away from you, shoo-bee-doo, while a succession of ooh-bee-doo-wahs and shang-a-langs chorussed by back-benchers might take some of the seriousness away from the procedures in Parliament. The *News at Ten*, presented by Ben, holding a pen, would be all about men, let's hear it again, and on *News at Nine* they would be feeling fine and all right all through the night, way outstaged. Otherwise, as Bob says, the composite would be exactly the same as life today, hey, hey, hey, Okay? No way.

# Wanted: a super think-tank to shape the new Europe



As the Nato summit begins, Robert O'Neill sees a need for security to be coupled with development

If stability in Europe is to be preserved, some framework of close consultation, strength and discipline will be needed. It must be designed to grow and strengthen, but without suffocating or frustrating greatly those in its embrace, while appreciating that many of the states of Central and Eastern Europe will be crucially weak politically for the next 25 years, or longer. It must also be designed to re-incorporate Central and Eastern Europe into the network of the West.

Britain should seek to play a leading political and economic role in this system or it will subside into feeble obscurity. We long ago learned the folly of regarding Czechoslovakia as "a far away country of which we know nothing". If trouble occurs on Germany's eastern border it may soon affect British prosperity through the added drain it will place on German resources. A weak Soviet Union will prove more difficult to live with than one in good health. A system which leaves America to play the leading role may find itself without a leader just when one is most needed.

Taking all these factors into account, how should western policy be developed? Clearly we are dealing with problems that differ greatly from those of the previous era. There is also a case for new institutions to perform new tasks.

The most important of the continuing institutions must be Nato. The long-term strategic outlook for Europe is relatively more hopeful than it was five years ago, but in many ways the future could change for the worse. There are three main contingencies to bear in mind. First, there could be a collapse of central authority in the Soviet Union, leading to civil war and possibly to attempts by one faction or another to blackmail the West by threatened use of strategic weapons.

Second, Mr Gorbachev could be replaced by a more nationalistic leadership, perhaps much more reliant on the armed forces, which might cease to co-operate in achieving further arms reductions. For the sake of strategic stability, the West might need to strengthen its deterrent capabilities and consider working with former Soviet allies in Eastern Europe. Third, a host of events, such as the practice of member states stationing forces on the territory of other members, becomes more widespread. This approach is necessary to strengthen the basis for co-operation between allied states with forces on German soil, and to relieve the Germans of any exclusive national responsibility for the defence of the old inner-German border or ultimately the Oder-Neisse line.

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But such sentiments will carry little weight with an impatient campaigner Lord Bethell and Sir Richard Attenborough joined the Archbishop of Canterbury, ministers and the editor of *The Times*, in what was oddly billed as a "stag" occasion (which meant no wine).

Amid the jollity, Mandela found himself excusing himself for the fourth time for his IRA gaffe. In private, he admitted wishing he had not mentioned the wretched organisation.

Although television cameras are now an established part of Westminster life, they were not allowed inside the grand committee room where Mandela met MPs from the all-party Southern Africa group. Labour MP Stan Orme, who chairs the services committee, says: "We received a request to grant special permission to allow the cameras. Although it was an exceptional visit, the committee split on party lines and the request was rejected." A Labour member of the committee says government whips instructed Tory members to veto the cameras so that attention was not deflected from Mandela's meeting with Mrs Thatcher.

Tory MP John Carlisle's *South Africa Group* failed to welcome Mandela at all. It has organised its own rival topical get-together tomorrow - with Ian Smith, former prime minister of Rhodesia.

**Reds and blues**  
Tonight's World Cup duel between England and West Germany will coincide with an intellectual clash that promises to be equally dramatic. On the right, Roger Scruton, Professor of Aesthetics at Birkbeck College, on the left, Ted Honderich, Grote Professor of Philosophy at University College London. The sub-

civilian and military, must remove sources of discord. More will depend on their judgment in this regard than in the past if the alliance is to be kept in good working order.

The military command structure is likely to require some changes, both to achieve closer integration of forces in an increasingly integrated Western Europe and to put the German armed forces on the same footing as those of other Nato powers. This process can be assisted by developing multinational formations at corps level, not least so that the practice of member states stationing forces on the territory of other members becomes more widespread. This approach is necessary to strengthen the basis for co-operation between allied states with forces on German soil, and to relieve the Germans of any exclusive national responsibility for the defence of the old inner-German border or ultimately the Oder-Neisse line.

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Congress which sees all too little economic return from the investment in Europe and which shares the scepticism of many of its electors about the continuing existence of a real security threat. Sharp reductions in the US military presence in Europe seem likely to follow the CFE agreement. The perceived size of the effort made by America's allies to defend the joint security interest will have a great influence on the extent of the cuts to be made.

Clearly the collective role of the European allies must increase relative to those of America and Canada. The Western European Union (WEU), expanded to include as many of the European allies as wish to join, will be a useful vehicle for demonstrating their resolve, cohesion and capacity for co-operation. Conversely, failure to make the WEU more effective in a policy co-ordination sense will be regarded in Washington as a sign of lack of seriousness and all the more reason for a greater reduction in the commitment to Europe.

The readiness of virtually all European governments to accept that security is a matter of mutual behaviour and concern has greatly strengthened the contribution that can be made by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. The CSCE has long been effective in the area of human rights and will play an increasingly important role as a clearing house on a wide range of multilateral

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security issues. It will be a major forum for discussion of many of the problems which will plague the states of Central and Eastern Europe as they struggle towards fuller democracy and economic development. Yet it is difficult to see the CSCE as being much more than a multilateral forum. It is not a planning or policy co-ordination mechanism but rather a kind of international parliament in which all members have the right of veto.

If it has to face more than one international crisis at a time, the interests of its members must diverge and it will probably be paralysed. For ever-present, generally shared concerns such as the quality of government, and for single-issue crises such as friction between Hungary and Romania, the CSCE can be very helpful. For planning and directing the future development of Europe it seems inadequate.

In the Europe of the 1990s, security and stability will depend much more on perceived domestic political and economic progress and much less on military balances and doctrines. While the long-standing organisations, especially Nato, still have important roles to play, they are by themselves inadequate for the new tasks of bringing Europe harmoniously through a major phase of development in which the prime emphases must be on economic and social progress and on improving the quality of government. Furthermore, this process must be carried through in an increasingly interdependent way, involving most if not all of the states of Europe.

Nato, WEU and CSCE all need to modify themselves somewhat in the new circumstances, but not to become unrecognisable in the terms in which we have known them. Each has special attributes that we need, so let us preserve and build on them. By the same token, none was conceived to manage European affairs in a context such as that of the present, so let us not stretch them to cover vastly different responsibilities.

What Europe now needs is the

guidance of a team of specialists in political, social and economic development, with emphasis initially on state-building in Central and Eastern Europe. These specialists need to be able to recognise the security implications of developments in other fields, and design integrated policies which will strengthen the fabric of security at the same time as promoting political, social and economic change. Governmental co-operation should be reinforced by networks of non-governmental bodies linking the professions and business activity, and strengthening cultural links.

This new body, which might be termed the Alliance for Development in Europe (ADE), should be composed at its summit of the heads of government of all member states. Much of its work would be discharged by ministers of member states most concerned with national and Europe-wide development, supported by advisers who not only comprehend but also have real expertise of handling the new determinants of security in the post-cold war era.

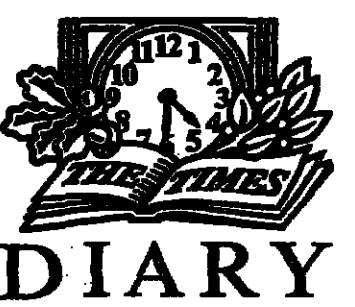
For the states of Western Europe, some advisers on Community policy will be well suited to help in this wider role for Europe as a whole. Additional advisers will have to be trained both in the West and to a much greater extent in the East. Here is a challenge for our governments and private foundations, our research institutes and universities, to meet in the coming decade. Without their active concern and participation, Europe will flounder for want of expertise in the analysis of its new kinds of problems. Institutes and universities in the West will need to recognise a special responsibility for training analysts from the East in these fields.

The membership of the Alliance for Development in Europe should include as many European nations as possible, but if one or two such as Albania or Romania refuse to take part, that should not be reason for failure to proceed. A more difficult question is whether the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada should also be members. The Soviet Union is partly a European power and the other two have important roles to play in the next phase of Europe's development.

However, the problems presented by the Soviet Union are so vast that the ADE might be overloaded by trying to address them before much more has been done to improve matters in Central and Eastern Europe. But to omit the Soviet Union might make those problems worse. Because Canada and the US could clearly contribute to the desired outcome, they should be members. Friendly powers from the Asian-Pacific area could be granted associate membership.

While an over-arching body such as the Alliance for Development in Europe, the constituent elements of security will be nurtured and strengthened on the basis of sound planning. Without something of this kind Europe's future development seems likely to be erratic and unco-ordinated, with security seen too much in military terms and insufficient attention paid to its political, social and economic bases. The old organisations still have their function, but it will be a decreasing one. Europe is entering a phase of profound change, potentially more significant than in 1815, 1919 or 1945. If we fail to produce a new system of analysis and management on this occasion, that potential will be squandered.

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ject: "The Nature of Conservatism". Scruton, author of *The Meaning of Conservatism*, shares the branding by Honderich as "the unthinking man's thinking man" - an intellectual Rotweiler. And he claims: "I can deal with him, and between us I think we will outdraw the World Cup semi-final" - a prediction that does not bear intellectual scrutiny, if only because of the respective capacities of Waterstone's bookshop in Charing Cross Road and the Delle Alpe stadium in Turin. For some inexplicable reason no alcohol ban has been imposed on what the promoters are billing as an "historic clash between two monumental minds".

I'll conserve my comments till the half-time whistle.

### Britannia rules OK?

As the terraces of Turin resound tonight to the raucous rendition of *Rule Britannia* by England's unloved and crocheted supporters in their Union Jack shorts, preparations are under way for a far more refined rendering next month. To mark the 250th anniversary of its first performance, the Cliveden Berkshire stately home will host a birthday party with the Royal Philharmonic Pops orchestra, soloist Sarah Walker and fireworks, champagne and dancing on the terrace. Thomas Arne's work was commissioned by Frederick Prince of Wales, and first performed on August 1, 1740, to celebrate the birth of his daughter, Augusta. A spokeswoman for Cliveden laments the tune's march downmarket. "Rule Britannia wasn't intended to be sung at the World Cup," she says sniffily.

### Voice of dissent

More tenor trouble in advance of the unpremeditated joint appearance of Luciano Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo and José Carreras in Rome on Saturday. Most observers have wisely adopted a "believe it when it happens" attitude to the concert, so intense is the rivalry between the three, and a fresh bout has just broken out over a recording of Puccini's "Nessun dorma". Pavarotti is furious that a transmission of Plácido Domingo singing the aria which has become the World Cup theme tune was wrongly attributed to him on TV-am at the weekend. "Pavarotti's reputation is in danger," says his agent, Rocco Salvatore, who says that opera buffs listening to the

programme will assume he has lost his touch. "The two are in different leagues. Pavarotti is the greatest tenor this century. Domingo is a good singer but more of a baritone."

To put the record straight, Salvatore says: "I have suggested that Pavarotti should sing 'Nessun dorma' at the concert on Saturday, and then turn to Plácido and say 'Now it's your turn.' That would really show us up." Of such stuff are opera plots made.

### Same again, please

Fears that Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell would close prematurely despite his runaway success at the Apollo were dispelled last night when James Bolam signed up to replace Tom Conti, who leaves at the end of the month to film in Moscow. Star of the vintage television hits *The Likely Lads* and *When the Boat Comes In*, Bolam can manage only a 12-week run. This leaves the door open for Peter Onor to return to the role, which he created, when his own film commitments permit.

At 2.11pm yesterday, as trains hurtled past under instructions not to stop, passengers were asked to evacuate Leicester Square station, one of the busiest on the London underground, because of a fire alarm that fortunately proved false. As they hurriedly made their way upward, they were astonished to see hundreds of passengers on the down escalators. Barrier staff at the top insisted: "No one has told us to stop them." The one crumb of comfort from the King's Cross tragedy was, it was told, that lessons had been learned and it would never happen again. Really?



## NOT WITHOUT HONOUR

Nelson Mandela arrived back in London this week on a wing and a gaffe. His second world tour has embraced such rituals of international stardom as apotheosis by the American media and a bad stumble over Irish politics. Neither signifies much. American hero-worship of distant idols is nothing new; and some salute to this remarkable man is certainly due. As for the IRA, Mr Mandela would have been well-advised to say nothing at all on the subject. But he is not the first visiting politician to fall into the IRA trap. As Americans discovered with their references to Fidel Castro and Colonel Gaddafi, even the most impeccable "freedom fighter" has debts to pay.

Mr Mandela has other debts yet to be cleared. His mission round the world has been a plea for economic sanctions on South Africa to be maintained. His campaign for others to declare economic aggression on South African jobs as a "bargaining counter" loses all meaning when he pleads at the same time for businessmen and bankers to show confidence in South Africa's future. The price of sanctions is paid in black wages, as the coalminers of the Rand know well. There is no evidence that sanctions have hastened change. Whether they have or not, they are gross interference. Mrs Thatcher is right to say that President de Klerk deserves a gesture of relief from such interference.

On sanctions, as on the armed struggle, the ANC's travelling circus is trapped by its own rhetoric. Two decades of political isolation have slowed the erosion of apartheid. The ANC, since its unbanning, has emerged as a deeply conservative Marxist hierarchy whose ideological base has collapsed along with that of its backers in Zambia and Eastern Europe. The party is now struggling — in Mr Mandela's case struggling hard — to come to terms with the consequences.

The ANC is having to accept that its socialist past is now counterproductive in its appeal to both black and white South Africans. Former "friends" such as Erich Honecker in Berlin and Kenneth Kaunda in Lusaka have disappeared or are beleaguered. Mr Mandela went to some lengths in yesterday's speech at Westminster and in his meetings with businessmen in South Africa and London to support a mixed economy and to recognise the importance of profits and of allowing new investors to export

their dividends. His support for sanctions damages but does not wholly subvert this turn away from socialism. Mr Mandela's ANC is scrambling towards economic sanity, in the nick of time.

He and his colleagues have a far bigger challenge on their hands. The ANC must urgently find the means to democratic legitimacy, at least within the black community, before groups to the right and left call its bluff. Mr Mandela is travelling the world as the inspiration of black people everywhere. But back home, the prophet's honour is more limited. Radical township youths are cutting his face from their T-shirts. In Natal, his high-flown pleas for peace have not stopped a murderous civil war. The ANC has managed to retain a remarkable spread of support among blacks and Coloureds — except in Zulu Natal — but this support could crumble as the party begins constitutional talks with the government. Hence its reluctance to speed negotiations. Hence the need to reorganise the party on some post-Marxist democratic basis.

The dominant image in South Africa at present has Messrs Mandela and de Klerk clinging desperately to each other as political rebellion simmers behind their backs. Both are wise enough to know this. But it is Mr Mandela who is traipsing the globe preaching intransigence, while back home Mr de Klerk yearns for some relief, a sanction lifted, a sports tour, a promise of non-violence, to stave off the ever more militant right wing. Within their respective hegemonies, Mr de Klerk has the greater accountability just now. His fall would be a disaster for Mr Mandela, yet the latter seems unable to offer the slightest help.

That, however, is South Africa's business. The best help that the rest of the world can offer is to leave them to sort out their salvation alone. South Africa is about to enter a critical six months of barrier. To win through, it needs no sanctions, no aid, no persecution, no favouritism, no interference, no weapons, no propaganda, no attention, no fuss. A crudely racist state has, under Mr de Klerk, travelled a long way down the road of good intentions in a short time. The wounds of apartheid are not yet treated, let alone healed. In this crucial process the outside world has no useful part to play. The patient must be left in peace.

## SERBIAN MISCHIEF

Yugoslavia's disintegration has been predicted so often that the fresh challenges to that country's unity this week from Kosovo and Slovenia need to be differentiated. Neither implies the federation's demise, although Slovenia's declaration of "sovereignty" does open the possibility of eventual secession.

The discontented Albanians of Kosovo seek no more than independence from Serbia, and equal status with Yugoslavia's other six republics in the federation. Their leaders, despite Serbian provocations, have been commendably circumspect, saying that the question of Yugoslavia's borders is "of European concern" and that to try to change them unilaterally would be "a fatal mistake". For their part, the Slovenians are not irrevocably committed to full independence. They want a loosely-knit Yugoslav confederation, linking six (or seven) sovereign republics.

What both have in common is resentment and fear of Serbian irredentism. Containment of nationalism in Serbia, the naturally dominant republic, has always held the key to Yugoslavia's survival. This has become increasingly hard since 1987, when Serbia's communist strongman, Slobodan Milosevic, began his drive for the "reunification of the Serbian state". Over the past year, his ambitions have united Croats, Slovenians, Kosovans and now Macedonians against the "centre" in Belgrade, tarring Yugoslavia's weak federal government with the Serbian brush. Democracy, bursting into flower outside Serbia (where Mr Milosevic continues stubbornly to resist multi-party elections), has, so far, taken on a decidedly nationalist hue in this country of 20 "nations".

The Kosovo declaration was a pre-emptive strike in response to Mr Milosevic's abrupt decision to hold a referendum last weekend,

inviting Serbians to adopt a new constitution which would deprive Kosovo, where nine-tenths of the people are Albanian, of its last vestiges of autonomy. The timing of the "declaration of sovereignty" by Slovenia's new, democratically elected government was also influenced by the Serbian referendum.

Slovenia has in effect served notice that if Mr Milosevic continues to reject its demand for a loose confederation, secession is on the cards. Croatia, the country's second-largest state, where a centre-right party came to power last month, will follow Slovenia's lead unless Mr Milosevic is prepared to make concessions — or is forced to give way to those who will.

That may happen. The recent relaunching in Belgrade of the Democratic Party, one of the most important parties of the interwar years, provides a powerful platform for advocates of multi-party elections. More than 30,000 demonstrated in the Yugoslav capital last month in support of free elections in the republic. For all Mr Milosevic's populist appeal, a free poll might well bring about the fall of the Serbian communist party.

Were that to happen, democracy could yet establish itself as a force for cohesion in Yugoslavia. The old unifying factors — the prestige of President Tito, the influence of the party — have collapsed. Were the tide of democracy to reach Albania, where the arrival of political refugees in Western embassies this week is reminiscent of events in Eastern Europe last year, Kosovo might well seek to secede. But for the other republics, the lure of integration into a new Europe provides a strong incentive to live together at peace. Most of the pro-democracy Yugoslavs know that unity is the key to that club. Fear of "Balkanisation" may yet, for all this week's disturbing signals, prove stronger than fear of Serbia.

## TIGHTENING UP TIMESHARE

The selling of timeshare holiday property has become one of the biggest consumer rackets of our time. Almost everyone can cap an anecdote of an absurd or cruel stratagem with a worse one. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, has collected some 2,500 letters on the subject, the largest spontaneous mailbag he has ever received. Some of those who have written to him have expressed satisfaction, but many have not. Timeshare is a valid principle that has given many people much pleasure. What has gone wrong?

With the arrival of mass air travel, the British learned to love sub-tropical sun and sea with a fanaticism which amazed those Europeans who had always taken it for granted. Package holiday and charter companies grew fat on the profits. Tourism became a big industry in places long deserted by industrial growth.

Fashions changed, and people gradually had more money to spend. In place of a fortnight in a hotel they felt it might be nicer to own a holiday home. Property developers, some from the United States where the same demand had already surfaced, moved in for the kill. They offered a package: shares in the property could be spread among several owners, and arrangements made to let it when the owners were away. Participants in the timeshare business had only to send their cheques, and in due course enjoy a holiday on their own premises.

The idea both invited and demanded rapid expansion, financing each new project with the proceeds of the last. That in turn generated enormous pressure to bring in new customers, and more or less indiscriminate direct mail shots were found to offer the best and cheapest results. One end of the business is respectable, well managed, offering a fair deal. The other is

shady, enticing new customers with offers of wonderful prizes for spurious competitions. Some unfortunate people have found a timeshare holiday ten times as expensive as they expected, and some developers' claims of the likely income from part-owning a timeshare property wildly optimistic.

Britain's always tardy regulators have finally taken action. Last year the Office of Fair Trading was asked by the government to investigate the holiday timeshare business, with particular reference to the high-pressure trans-Atlantic selling techniques. The result was Sir Gordon's record post. The Advertising Standards Authority has condemned some timeshare mail-shot advertising as "peculiarly offensive and intrusive". The Consumers' Association has issued public warnings. The International Bar Association is preparing a case for international regulation of the timeshare industry, the respectable part of which has formed a voluntary Timeshare Developers' Association.

Sir Gordon's response is a comprehensive package of regulations, including a 14-day cooling-off before timeshare contracts become binding, safeguards for money invested and direct mail brought more clearly under the Trade Descriptions Act. Because of the international nature of the business, he calls for complementary regulation by the European Community.

Some timeshare salesmen have now retreated to accommodation addresses in America, from which they continue to bombard Britain by post. Only publicity will defeat them. The rule is simple. Timeshare propaganda with a US postmark should go straight into the bin.

## Recovery of poll tax in the courts

From Mr P. J. Robinson

Sir, Magistrates' courts in England and Wales have started to put into operation the procedures for the recovery of the community charge on the application of charging authorities. A Home Office circular issued to courts in March comments, with characteristic understatement, that it is "likely that there will be an increase in the workload of the courts when recovery action becomes necessary".

With around 36 million people liable to pay the community charge, courts are expected to issue millions of summonses in the first stage of the enforcement process. Once liability orders have been made, courts can anticipate a substantial number of cases returning as charging authorities apply for commitment to prison of debtors where distress warrants have proved ineffective.

At the same time, magistrates' courts are enjoined by the Home Office to enforce fines more quickly and effectively, and by John Patten to issue prompt process to enforce maintenance payments for children (report, June 20).

This week I attended a ceremony for the swearing in of justices of the peace for the county of Kent. Each new magistrate took the judicial oath to "do right to all manner of people". I am sure each imagined that he or she would be engaged, for the most part, in dealing with the huge backlog of criminal, traffic and civil cases which are currently before the courts and was mindful of the increase in recorded crime highlighted by the statistics for the first quarter of 1990, published this week (report, June 29).

It might have been more appropriate had the new justices also sworn to do right to all manner of debtors, for there is no doubt that debt cases will greatly outnumber criminal cases and courts are urged to give them priority. Doing justice to people usually involves listening to what they have to say; if the judicial oath is to be upheld in this way I anticipate a rapid clogging up of the magistrates' courts system.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES ROBINSON  
(Clerk to the justices),  
The Court House,  
Cavendish Street, Ramsgate, Kent.  
June 29.

## One-party rule

From Mr R. J. Graham

Sir, In column 1 on page 9 of today's Times (June 29) there is reference to the sad state into which Zambia has been allowed to slip over the past 26 years since independence. President Kaunda is quoted as intending to decide a date for a referendum on whether the country should restore the multi-party democracy which ended in 1972.

In column 8 it is reported that the parliament of Zimbabwe has voted overwhelmingly, 10 years after independence, for constitutional changes which will lead to one-party rule.

While Zambia contemplates extending itself from the effects of one-party authoritarian socialism its southern neighbour is close to doing the exact opposite. I trust that the exquisite irony of this will not be lost on those who might, one day, be in power in the great republic south of the Limpopo.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT J. GRAHAM,  
Talla, 85 Musters Road,  
Ruddington, Nottingham.

## Rocket boilerman

From Mr Richard H. Amis

Sir, M Jean-Marc Lefevre (June 25) is only partly correct when he claims that Marc Seguin invented the multi-tubular boiler system, as used in George Stephenson's Rocket.

Stephenson's partner in the development of the Rocket was Henry Booth of Liverpool (1789-1869) and it was Booth who invented the multi-tubular boiler here in Britain (although Seguin was developing the same idea independently and contemporaneously in France).

Seguin's first boiler had water tubes, not fire tubes: these subsequently required modifications as they became blocked with scale. Booth's boiler had fire tubes, and was used in Rocket at the Rainhill trials in 1825.

Henry Booth, appointed Treasurer to the Liverpool and Manchester Railway Company in 1829, was my great-great-great uncle.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD H. AMIS,  
The Georgian House,  
Ripley, Woking, Surrey.

## Monetary union

From Sir Samuel Goldman

Sir, Is history about to repeat itself? In 1956, in Messina, when the original Six were drawing up the provisions of what became the Treaty of Rome we were politely shown the door when our representative at the conference made it clear that we could not accept the concept of a customs union with a common external tariff because of our commitments to the Commonwealth and our farmers.

Confident that the experiment of the Six would soon fail, and to help the failure along, we put forward an alternative scheme for a free trade area where tariffs between members would be abolished on industrial goods alone and we all kept our individual tariffs against the rest of the world. The play failed, amidst confusion and acrimony.

## Nuclear generation in perspective

From Professor Ian Fells, FEng

Sir, The present rumpus and associated recriminations over the cost of nuclear power and the future of Sizewell B (reports, June 25, 28; leading article, June 26; letter, June 27) highlight the importance of objective assessment of energy costs. The public and, for that matter, government despair as protagonists for wind, wave and nuclear power, gas, coal and energy conservation make exaggerated claims for a large slice of the electricity supply market, basing their demands on generation costs with little basis in objective reality.

A small change in discount rate easily rearranges the pecking order, and if environmental costs are taken into account, which they certainly are not at the present time, a further rearrangement is swiftly introduced. Sadly, the vested interests of the players in the game are easily discerned, as the recent nuclear fracas shows.

A European centre for energy cost-accounting, perhaps linked to an academic institution, would be an enormous help in sorting out the problem. If carbon dioxide accounting were introduced into the environmental costing we would then have a basis for developing a strategy for electricity generation with minimum greenhouse impact.

Yours faithfully,  
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## From Mr John H. Large

Sir, I doubt if any informed observer would agree with Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy (June 27), that the Sizewell B project is "not out of control" and that the entire nuclear cycle costs, including decommissioning, have been accounted for.

To my knowledge the complete nuclear safety case for the Sizewell B nuclear power station has yet to be fully approved by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, so further design and system changes can be expected during the course of construction. After commissioning, complex engineered systems will demand continuing research and development throughout the working life.

Both these presently ill-defined

elements of cost, which were to be originally shared by 12 and not the four projected pressurised water reactors cited by Mr Wakeham, now have to be borne by the single station at Sizewell B.

No operator has yet to fully decommission a commercially-sized nuclear power station, return the site to "green field" conditions, and dispose of the large volumes of radioactive waste arising from both its operation and the treatment of the intensely radioactive fuel. Overall, Mr Wakeham's £250 million is likely, in my view, to escalate to at least £1,000 million for Sizewell B alone.

The secretary of state would do well to study the report of the House of Commons Energy Committee (details, June 28) which concluded that both the nuclear industry and the Department of Energy should be more open and publicly accountable when arriving at past and future cost estimates.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN H. LARGE (director),  
Large and Associates  
(Consulting Engineers),  
Bank Chambers,  
161 Bow Road, E3.

## From Mr K. R. Rollinson

Sir, The concept that "the cost incurred so far should be treated as sunk and the economics assessed on the truly avoidable costs", endorsed by John Wakeham, is surely faulty. If it were true, then any project reviewed in its final stages — say 95 per cent complete — could be said to be economical on the basis of the remaining "avoidable" 5 per cent.

What matters is that the total capital spent remains the total debt to be recovered, or financed indefinitely, out of revenue. It does not just disappear.

Companies or countries with such excessive cost projects gradually become burdened by debt, and thus unprofitable or inefficient, because they have misused the finite resources available to them instead of applying them profitably to sound projects efficiently carried out. A country such as our own, which does this repeatedly, gradually declines because it has wasted its available resources.

Yours faithfully,  
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Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

## Mandela and IRA

From Dr R. T. D. Oliver

Sir, Despite having been a close colleague of an innocent victim of one of the many misnamed bombs that the IRA have launched in the course of their terror campaign (Professor Gordon Hamilton-Fairley, killed in October 1975) I would strongly support Nelson Mandela's reminder of the old adage that "jaw jaw is better than war war" (report, July 3).

However, I would suggest that there is a need to go even further than just encouraging social intercourse in order to overcome the apartheid-like "racist" prejudices, albeit based on religious tribal divisions rather than skin colour, that are the basis of the Irish conflict. It is said that Mr Mandela, who has done so much to plead for racial integration, should be giving succour to those who wish to perpetuate this sectarian conflict.

Yours faithfully,  
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## From Mr Andrew Bryson

Sir, Mr Nelson Mandela compares Northern Ireland with Rhodesia and appears to endorse the IRA. Mr Neil Kinnock rejects the comparison, saying that the IRA "operate within democracies".

Alas, Northern Ireland does not enjoy the kind of democratic structures that produce political stability and make rebellion morally unjustifiable. The IRA war is

## Bestseller lists

From Mr Peter Harland

Sir, Nicola Thorne (June 20) is living in cloud cuckoo land if she thinks there is the slightest chance of establishing a statutory bestseller list. Booksellers would not part with their total sales figures, even if they could produce them, which most could not. And editors presumably would still be free to fillet out dictionaries, Bibles and other reference books, even from a "statutory" list.

It is true that bestseller lists do not accurately reflect everything that is selling: true bestsellers differ from shop to shop — mostly, local history or street maps and

the single European market which we have all agreed to form by 1992, our reaction is a scheme full of ingenuity (like the free trade area) for a hard ecu. It is a scheme which has already been rejected by the chairman of the Bundesbank and is almost certain to be similarly rejected by the principal member states.

Shall we then spend another ten years sulking outside the monetary union, only to beg to be allowed into a system which we shall again have played no part in constructing? Will we never learn?

Yours faithfully,  
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June 28.

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## Export controls on works of art

From the Chairman of the National Art Collections Fund

Sir, Tomorrow, when the Commons holds a general debate on the arts, I trust that the issue of the present confusion surrounding our art export controls will be properly addressed. Of particular concern is the recent decision by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to take into account offers by private buyers when considering the deferral of an export licence for a notable work of art.

The trouble with this change of policy is twofold. First, it was never the intention, when the Waverley committee's recommendations were adopted, that such works of art should end up anywhere other than in a public collection. The whole purpose was that the deferral of the export licence should benefit the British public, not that private buyers should, with official approval, prevent public institutions overseas from completing a purchase.

Secondly, the secretary of state has no means of enforcing any conditions on a private buyer, such as public access, adequate conservation, environmental and security arrangements, subsequent re-sale only to a public institution, and assurances in the case of integral collections that they should be kept together.

Apparently, these very difficult questions cannot be resolved without legislation. The emergency wartime measures passed in 1939 were never designed to deal specifically with the delicate area of export control of outstanding works of art. There is also the curious anomaly that this great artistic responsibility lies with the Department of Trade and Industry, and not where it should belong, with the Office of Arts and Libraries.

The 1939 Act should be replaced by legislation which enables the Waverley principles to be put into effect. The imminence of the free market in goods and services which is planned from 1992 onwards by the European market adds urgency to the need for reform.

At their AGM four weeks ago the members of the National Art Collections Fund agreed unanimously that the Government should be urged to act immediately. An appropriate committee, perhaps the export reviewing committee itself, should be appointed to examine the system afresh, and to do so urgently in order that new legislation can beat the 1992 deadline.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Listed churches

From the Rev Kenneth E. Street

Sir, Readers may not have gathered from your report (June 27, early editions) of the debate on listed buildings at the recent Methodist Conference that our booklet, *A Charge to Keep*, is the first publication from a major Christian Church in this country to grapple with the implications of listed building control.

Furthermore, the resolutions adopted by the conference invited our churches to take seriously the concerns, challenge and potential of conservation, to value their own history, enshrined in buildings, and to consider ways in which buildings can be adapted rather than demolished.

If this happens, it will represent a sea-change in the life of our Church, as we find ways to take seriously environmental issues and seek to re-use, repair and refurbish rather than always build anew. The conference also accepted that, rather than confrontation with conservation groups, it was better to seek understanding and dialogue.

Yours faithfully,  
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Methodist Church Property Division,  
Central Buildings,  
Oldham Street,  
Manchester 1.

## Road sense

From Mr Basil Henley

Sir, Mr Michael Kester (June 25) comments on the fact that Swiss "Road Works" signs have a mound of earth both in front of and behind the workman, whereas his less hard-working British counterpart has not yet started moving the mound in front of him.

In defence of the British version, perhaps Mr Kester may have overlooked the time differences between our two countries: presumably the Swiss workman started work an hour before "our" lad. It would appear to me that, if it takes the Swiss workman a whole hour to move such a small mound, our chap would quickly outpace his continental counterpart as soon as he starts his day's work.

Yours faithfully,  
BASIL HENLEY,  
42 St Maur Road, SW6,  
June 26.

## From Mrs Barbara Kimber

Sir, When the traffic lights in my nearest town are not working and people are dodging the cars at their peril, the council puts up a sign which reads "Crossing not in use".

Yours faithfully,  
BARBARA KIMBER,  
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Kingston St Marys,  
Taunton, Somerset.















# Will western ads wash in the East?

Geraldine Bedell  
reports on the  
problems ahead for  
advertisers in a  
unified Germany

As the queues of East German shoppers clamouring for Western goods lengthened this week in the wake of monetary union with West Germany, Western manufacturers themselves have been queuing to get advertisements for their products before this new public.

But, according to Erika Emmerlich, an international vice-president of J. Walter Thompson based in Frankfurt, the East German market is not just about selling more goods. It is also about morality.

The world "offensive" crops up several times when Frau Emmerlich, in Britain to speak at a conference on building international brands, is discussing current advertising to East Germany. It is not that she objects to Western products going East; on the contrary, she believes the West has a duty to open up its cornucopia.

"Some advertisers ask why we should bother to sell to East Germany, when the total population there is only equal to that of North Rhine Westphalia. It is a logical enough question. But it is not one I would take out of respect to these people. We have a moral responsibility here."

She does, however, believe that the West has a duty to sell to the East appropriately. It is not enough for multinational brands to barge in with their Western "lifestyle" commercials. Married to an East German doctor who fled the GDR, she finds commercials made for the affluent West insulting to the East. Consequently, she believes they will not sell the product.

"In West Germany detergents are now sold as ecologically responsible," she says. "One brand says it comes from plants, another that its packaging is recyclable, another that you only need to use a third of the normal amount. None of this works as an advertising premise for East Germany. For the East, we need to go back to the core values of the brand - the sort of thing we in the West were saying in the 1950s. But you can't put 30-year-old commercials on air. You have to make new films."

Frau Emmerlich believes many advertisers - particularly in Germany, where it is easy to be fooled



Spend, spend, spend: an East Berlin consumer ready to shop with a fistful of Deutschmarks - but how will he make choices without ads?

by the common language and heritage - have failed to appreciate "the perverse time machine" out of which the East is now endeavouring to emerge.

"Cigarette brands have established their own poster sites, and put up their Western posters. Some of them make me shudder. They look so fake in that environment," she says.

Just how different things are in the East was shown by the outcry when one advertising agency ran a newspaper double-page advertisement for a car. "There was outrage at the waste of space," Frau Emmerlich says. "Until recently newspapers only had four pages. They have got bigger, but not much, because there is still a paper shortage. People resented the waste of news space."

When J. Walter Thompson runs research groups in the East, it takes time to win consumers' confidence. "People do not believe that what they say will not be used against them. They find it hard to grapple with the idea that they are being asked what they want."

Given the pitfalls, might it not be sensible for Western companies to stay out of advertising to the East

altogether for the time being? After all, there is already an assumption that everything western is better - "They make quite good beer in the East, but they will pay 6 marks (£2) for a can of beer that would cost 60 pfennigs in the West," Frau Emmerlich says. And 85 per cent of East German homes have been



'It would be easier if they seemed completely foreign' Erika Emmerlich

seeing West German television, and commercials, for years.

Frau Emmerlich argues that East German consumers are owed advertising, because they are bewildered by the rapidly increasing choice available. "There was previously only one detergent, only the produce of the season. Advertising helps to reduce the difficulty of choice; it will be needed to lead

brand preferences." Only one of her clients has so far run commercials on East German television - Deutsche Bank, in preparation for monetary union. The commercials quite simply explain what a bank is, and how you can use it - none of that fancy stuff about ranges of accounts and mortgages that is so popular in the West.

"It was important, all the same," she says, "that the message did not in any way conflict with the brand image in the West, otherwise in five years you would have a brand with a split personality, and no brand will survive that."

Frau Emmerlich believes there are different ways of building an international brand. Benetton runs advertising that directly translates to the East. "The message is about friendship, internationalism, not being prejudiced, and that is easily understood, because that is what they are seeking." Many fast-moving consumer goods - detergents, shampoos, foods - may have to double back to core messages. Other brands, often on luxury goods (not that Frau Emmerlich would advocate their going into the East yet), such as Cartier and Alfred Dunhill, will be able to sell themselves on

their national heritage, "something the East, with its consideration of all things Western as superior, readily understands".

Those companies which are entering East Germany now are doing so not only to sell products. Monetary union will not make that much difference: the average monthly West German household income is four times that of its East German counterpart; there are justifiable fears of unemployment. They are also advertising to shore up their position for the future.

But there are many potential risks. "It would be easier," Frau Emmerlich says, "if the East Germans spoke a different language and seemed completely foreign." For those agencies which advertise sensitively and effectively, however, the rewards may be great. ZAW, the West German advertising federation, has predicted that a united Germany will spend Dm60 billion annually by 1999 - 40 per cent of the projected EC total. The East German industrial combines are even now being broken up and privatised. Before long, they will be looking for advertising agencies to help them join West German companies exporting to Europe.

## The art of the interviewer

Are graduates of the Whippersnapper School asking the right questions?

As Dr Johnson said reprovingly to Boswell, "Questioning is not the mode of conversation among gentlemen." It is assuming a superiority." John Birt, the BBC's deputy director general, is clearly not a Johnsonian. Last week he issued a document titled *Interviewing on the BBC*. Its aim was to encourage BBC journalism to be "even more sharp, tough-minded and considered than it is now". It was, Mr Birt said, "a reminder to everyone of basic values".

The reminder is a good deal wordier than the section in last year's *Guidelines for Factual Programmes* that it is to replace. The old version was pithy and read like advice from a practitioner. The new one bears the stamp of a theorist, and much of it teeters along that treacherous line that divides the general from the banal.

"An interview should have a clear and specific purpose," agreed. "The BBC's interviewing should be well informed." Not against that either. "Natural justice calls for interviewees to be given a fair chance to set out their response to the questions." At this point I detect a certain restiveness among the audience. What sort of people has the BBC been recruiting in recent years? Unless the corporation is pursuing a policy of positive discrimination in favour of yahoos and clay-eaters, is not some of this a bit obvious?

There is little to quarrel with in Mr Birt's intentions, but the tone and style of the document are not calculated to make the blood race. "Evaluation should be exposed," we are told, "if necessary by repeating the question and explaining to the interviewee and to the audience why the previous answer did not address it." Interviews punctuated by homiletic breaks would certainly be novel, but their main effect would be

send audience figures into a kamikaze nose dive.

Why not recast the guidelines, perhaps in the form of a snappy little catechism? Q: When is an interview not an interview? A: When it is a free-wheeling profile based on several hours of tape recording. Q: What is the most foolish thing an interviewer can do? A: Ask a factual question to which he does not already know the answer. Q: What is the first thing you do before setting out to interview someone? A: Read their collected works. Q: And the second? A: Re-read them.

This would be an important discipline for what might be called the Whippersnapper School of interviewing. Most graduates of this fashionable establishment have majored in aggression and hostility, but one wrinkle that few of them have picked up on the campus is that the deadliest form of hostility is mastery of the subject. The idea that only wimps are polite can cramp an interviewer's style.

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Drawing that response is infinitely more important than drawing blood. The interviewer who achieves it should be awarded a large bonus: the collected works of Dr Johnson, perhaps - or a dispensation from reading guidelines.

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# A question of family loyalty

When the Princess of Wales attends a congress on the family, important voices will be missing, says Alexandra King

The Princess of Wales and Mother Teresa will give their joint blessing later this month to the sixteenth International Congress for the Family, which will take place in Brighton. Patrons of the congress include General Eva Burrows, of the Salvation Army, Cardinal Hume, the Chief Rabbi (Lord Jakobovits) and the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Robert Runcie). Its "Council of Reference" contains MPs, MEPs, bishops, baronesses and the Duke of Norfolk. Seldom has such an impressive arsenal been assembled to do battle against the forces — real or imagined — of social and emotional anarchy.

The four-day congress is open to anyone at moderate prices of between £10 and £15 a day, and offers lectures from British and international speakers and workshops on topics as diverse as "youth, rock music and mind" and "natural family planning". Counselling and crèches will also be available for the 5,000 delegates anticipated.

One crucial name, however, did not appear on the advance brochure which lists the events and 37 speakers: that of Christine Vollmer, the person responsible for the worldwide movement to save "the family" that this congress represents. Mrs Vollmer's persuasive powers have pulled off the priceless publicity coup of the Princess of Wales meeting Mother Teresa. The Princess will "greet" the delegates and Mother Teresa will end the congress by embracing "the community of love".

Mrs Vollmer, who is the president of the congress, and who will chair the opening session, is the American-raised English wife of a wealthy South American businessman. Her name will appear in the souvenir programme for the day, with its congratulatory advertisements from organisations such as the British Housewife's (sic) League and LIFE, the anti-abortion organisation.

The potted biography, given for all the speakers, will explain that Mrs Vollmer writes regularly for newspapers in Venezuela and broadcasts regularly. She is also the president of the Latin American Alliance for the Family.

Promoting the family has become a full-time vocation for Mrs Vollmer now that her six children are grown up. She had a seventh child, who was born handicapped and who died. "It was the little one who got me into this," she says. "Something about having a handicapped child made me see things more clearly."

The rallying-call of the family has been adopted, many feel, by a conspiracy of meddlesome pressure groups seemingly hell-bent on controlling women's bodies, circumscribing their careers and moving the clock back to Vic-



A voice for the family: Christine Vollmer has assembled the great and the good — but where is the Family Planning Association?

torian times. Victoria Gillick, in Britain, and Phyllis Schaffly, in the United States, have been pilloried for their outspoken views on a woman's body and a woman's place and Mrs Vollmer says they are not "directly" involved with her congresses. These, she says, are intended to educate, not to brainwash; to examine realistic options, rather than promote some impossible ideal. Yet while natural family planning is designated almost two hours of discussion, the Family Planning Association is not represented at the conference. Also missing are speakers from the National Council for One-Parent Families, the Step-Family Association and the Family Policy Studies Centre — which produced a report last week on family change and future policy.

Answering the accusation that step-family and one-parent family views are not being adequately represented, Mrs Vollmer replies: "Have you analysed the private lives of all the speakers? I haven't. When we launched our conference a year ago at the Charing Cross Hotel we took a directory of family associations and wrote to all of them, and about 200 showed up."

In any case, she says, "we try to go for universal truths. One-parent families and step-parent organisations will say that they are trying to remedy the causes of the breakdown. Many organisations are into saving people. But as Professor Richard Whitfield of the National Family Trust says, we send in more and more am-

balances, but why are people falling off the cliff in the first place?"

Latchkey children pose the biggest threat to the future of the family, she feels. But she believes that the family in 1990 does not have to mean the conventional nuclear unit with father going out to work and mother at home with the children.

Women must have the freedom to choose to stay at home without shame or financial hardship, Mrs Vollmer believes, but she has "total openness with women who want careers. My great-aunt, Susan Lawrence, was the first woman member of the British cabinet [according to the Commons library. Ms Lawrence was a parliamentary secretary in the department of health; Margaret Bonfield was the first woman cabinet minister]; my sister, "Deedy" Yveline de Marcellis Marix, is the first woman mayor of Palm Beach and keeps getting re-elected. Another of my sisters is a journalist and I have a nephew, my sister's son, who is an anthropologist. He stays at home with the children while his wife goes out to work."

She believes in "a new form of feminism, which will acknowledge the real rights of women to be able to exercise their full femininity". The danger of feminism, as Mrs Vollmer sees it, is that it "eradicates the role of man, and that's where we have to be careful". She confesses to "a private view that women are infinitely stronger than men in every way and much more hard-working".

What she cannot understand, she says, is why women are fighting to be allowed to do traditionally masculine, blue-collar jobs "like wanting to go into combat or climbing telephone poles. Why do something inferior when they could be pulling all the strings? ... And when I say pull strings I don't mean manipulate." What is really going on in the world is about feelings, Mrs Vollmer says, "and that is what women are good at ... What matters is the gut feelings — and the formation of young people. And what is going to replace the compassion, patience, discipline and respect that they should learn in the home?"

Her advocacy of natural family planning methods is not part of some "papist plot" but, she says, a logical response to the dangers of the Pill and the IUD. "Now we know that the Pill causes cancer, the IUD is dangerous and other methods don't work, we want people to know what the latest scientific knowledge is." In regard to the Pill and cancer, Mrs Vollmer's grasp of scientific knowledge seems a little partisan. Although there may be an increased incidence of carcinoma of the breast, this is to some extent compensated for by a reduction in cancer of the body of the uterus among Pill users and possibly, too, in cancer of the ovary.

Once you have a family there are many different ways to keep it together, Mrs Vollmer accepts, which do not necessarily involve a full-time mother at home. "The important thing is that the people who are with the children should understand the need for 'reliable love', and that the children are made to feel they are important."

Malcolm Wicks, the director of the Family Policy Studies Centre, says that the centre's report shows that the British family is undergoing major change, and that failure to recognise the diversity of family patterns is a mistake. His organisation, like the Family Planning Association and the National Council for One-Parent Families, was not invited to participate, and he worries about "the moral majority, as the Americans call them" promoting too narrow a view of family life.

She Slipman, the director of the National Council for One-Parent Families, thinks it ironic that the congress has not invited representatives from organisations such as hers. Not to include a body which speaks for the one-parent family in a congress on families of the future and the future of the family seems, she says, "a little sheltered".

The Step-Family Association was also surprised not to have been invited. The director, Steve Balkam, says: "I would have thought that, with over six million adults and children living in step-families in Britain, this conference is quite out of tune with British family life if we have not been represented." And Ruth Grigg, press officer for the Family Planning Association, goes further: "I wouldn't have expected the FPA to be invited," she says. "I don't think we would have any common ground."

The 16th International Congress for the Family will take place at the Brighton Conference Centre from July 12-15.

## No fun with Dick and Jane

A London teacher whose pupils enjoy the pursuit of literacy has been honoured

WITH doom-laden predictions about the decline in literacy ringing in its ears, the committee of the Children's Book Circle could hardly have chosen a better moment to announce this year's recipient of its Eleanor Farjeon Award. Jill Bennett, deputy head of Berkeley Junior School in Hounslow, west London, is honoured for being "an inspirational source for change in the way that children are helped to become readers".

This is a matter of some importance to the Children's Book Circle, which — belying its starchy name — is a bunch of steely-eyed publishers' editors, preoccupied with bottom-line accounting and an investment in readers. The annual award, now sponsored by the Books for Children Book Club, is made to people who have served the cause of children's literature beyond the call of duty, and in picking Mrs Bennett it has brought into welcome prominence today's worthiest exponent of reading without tears.

Mrs Bennett is an advocate of the simple philosophy that "reading is fun", and that "the natural way to learn to read is through stories". The statement is a truism, but professional mystifiers are always seeking to turn the natural process into an artificial set of rigid — and sometimes conflicting — methods.

What she has done is redirect attention from a preoccupation with the limiting procedures of reading schemes to the freedom of what she calls "real books". How can the device of a graded, vocabulary-controlled series possibly achieve the fluent storytelling, wedded to the equally fluent pictures, of books such as John Burningham's *Mr Gumpy's Outing*? "I have to keep two or three copies in the classroom, so that children who want to borrow it won't be disappointed," she says.

As a teacher, Mrs Bennett has addressed herself primarily to her colleagues, and her most celebrated tract, *Learning to Read with Picturebooks*, is focused mainly on the wealth of material that deserves to be lined up in the classroom alongside *Mr Gumpy*. Her 1988 edition lists more than 200 titles, and discusses how they may be combined with other elements of the infant curricula.

Nevertheless, she acknowledges that parents play a crucial role. Admittedly, she says, "there can be difficulties in persuading parents that picture books are not idle frivolities — and sometimes I wonder whether people believe that reading ought to be difficult, and that they are letting children down if they make it too enjoyable for them".

Mrs Bennett also acknowledges that, even if her "natural method" is accepted by parents as a valid way to teach reading, it is not simple in its execution. The reading schemes have the benefit — however dubious — of orderly progress (after Dick and Jane, Jane will run, and then, as sure as eggs is eggs, so will Rover).

In the larger world of real books such simple guidance does not obtain: there is no prescribed sequence. And there is no certain way of distinguishing real books from the welter of dross that tumbles annually from the publishing machine. If teachers need advisory handbooks, where does that leave parents?

Mrs Bennett's answer has all the optimism of the practitioner who has met with success. "You use as many different ways as possible. First you have to get rid of what seems to children to be pointless drill. Then — very importantly — you have to give them time, both at school and at home, to enjoy listening to stories, and to find their own way among all the literature that is ready and waiting for them."

This literature is itself so diverse — picture stories, nursery rhymes, comic verse, fairy tales, pop-up books — that attractions cannot fail to be set up, and to teachers and parents who are willing to explore it together, the opportunities are also diverse. What seems to matter most is the initial energy, Ms Bennett says. Sheer enjoyment will do the rest.

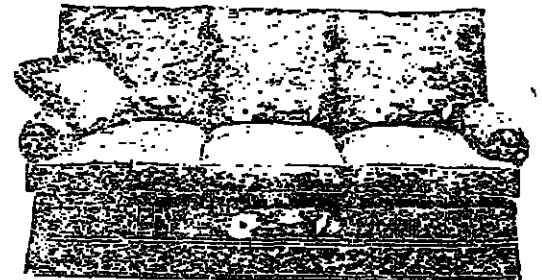
Brian Alderson's *Learning to Read with Picturebooks* is published by the Thimble Press, South Woodchester, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 5EQ. (£2). Jill Bennett has also edited a free Penguin booklet called *Becoming a Reader with Picturebooks*. Two of her pictorial anthologies were published last month — *People Poems*, illustrated by Nick Sharratt (Oxford, £4.95), and *The Animal Fair*, illustrated by Susan Jenkins (Penguin, £7.95).

JOHN CHAPMAN



Joy of knowledge: Jill Bennett and two of her target audience

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ping is an experience in itself, and it is about time a guidebook made it easier to enjoy. The books are available from W.H. Smith, or directly from Gillian Cutress, 34 Park Hill, London SW4 9PB (071-622 3722).

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## TELEVISION

## Where nothing much happens very slowly

ALL over television last night, bits of old England were being laid out as if in preparation for some massive national car-boot sale. For *Present Imperfect* on BBC 2, Jeff Perks located a village deep in the Lincolnshire Wolds where the residents seemed to be awaiting only the arrival of the Boulton Brothers for complete parish satisfaction.

In what can only be called the Ian Carmichael role, as understudied by Derek Nimmo, there was the Vicar of Telford, Roger Massingbird-Mundy, fervently attempting to keep the peace between his villagers and their dreaded enemy, a Dutch businessman (I rather see Peter Bowles in that part) who has started factory farming in order to create what his manager called, in Euro-Agri-Speak, "A viable farm enterprise for marrying the waste product of dairies with the vegetable industry for enterprise processing", or words to roughly that incomprehensible effect.

But enterprise processing does not go down too well in the Lincolnshire Wolds. Enter the Joyce Grenfell character, a bicycling postmistress, intent on getting up petitions to the detriment of upstart Dutch factory farmers. Then there was the woman in the Athens Saylor role, a feisty veteran churchwarden with a bias against uppity foreigners who have only been farming the district for the last 30 or 40 decades, unlike the Massingbirds who apparently came over with the Normans and are represented not only by the Vicar but by his cousin, the Squire.

It was the Vicar who started married to the Penelope Keith woman who could be relied upon to do large competent salads for parish teas, he emerged through an ineffable haze of platitudes and patronage to issue homilies about home and home farming before presiding over the sale of Tennyson tea towels (Tennyson having been about the last resident anyone could remember ever having done anything in Telford, even if that was only to leave it as quickly as possible).

A classic English microcosmic community where nothing happens very slowly indeed, Telford is now in urgent need of Miss Marple and at least one body in the library if we are ever to hear of it again. It will become a village devoid of Jews, blacks, teenagers

or people whose clothing has not been constructed out of several layers of thatched tweed.

Whether or not they have telephones or television, there seems to be irrelevant doubtless the railway station is now serving Tennyson cream teas, and presents that the 20th century has hardly begun.

But an hour was not nearly long enough for the programme—even though in Telford a minute must seem like a century. By the end of the film we had still not discovered what a long-awaited inquiry had decided about the factory farming, even though the vicar seemed perfectly to represent the mood of the community by hoping that nothing very much would happen at all.

All we need now is Joan Hickson to work out over the next six episodes that when people die in Telford, it is doubtless of terminal boredom. There is no body in the library, alas, and there probably is not even a library.

There might, however, be a Giles Gilbert Scott telephone-box still standing, though not the one in the Midlands that is (according to Roger Last's *Design Classics* on BBC 2) solemnly decorated with Christmas trees at the appropriate time of the year. Ever since, at the end of the first world war, the good people of Folkestone erected for E11 a kind of Asian temple in a local shrubbery and stuck a telephone inside it, public debate has been considerably exercised about the kind of housing we should give our public telephones.

Scott's red cubicle, once hated by conservationists and not much loved by window cleaners either, has now given way to a vandal-proof metal stump with an armoured car-phone bolted onto it, presumably as a tribute to the social habits of the 1990s.

In the meantime, people are converting the old red boxes to cocktail bars and indoor showers, which seems about as sacrilegious as turning the high altar of St Paul's into a sandwich counter.

The box I liked best was the one with its own built-in stamp vending machine, circa 1937. Needless to say, the machine made so much noise you could not hear the phone call and when it turned damp in the autumn, all the stamps stuck together. And that was achieved even before the invention of British Telecom.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

## THEATRE

## Intent to incite

Peter Flannery, who wrote some of the most provocative plays of the 1980s, remains unrepentant. Profile by Benedict Nightingale

Considering he has written only three stage plays in the last 11 years, Peter Flannery has managed to get up more people's noses than have most left-leaning dramatists. Indeed, he has sometimes burrowed his way beyond the nasal passages and inflamed raw parts of the brain. Some of his audiences have, rather literally, found themselves angrily seeing red.

The late Margherita Laski, no shrinking violet herself, declared on Radio 3's *Critics' Forum* that his *Our Friends in the North* went beyond what should decently be staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company. As Flannery ruefully reminded me recently, I once accused the play of endorsing terrorism as an answer to social ills. Not long afterwards, the BBC rejected a play he had written spoofing the Falklands War.

Flannery's *Singer*, which transfers to the Barbican Theatre on Thursday, keeps up the tradition. Almost everyone has admired the play's size and turbulent inventiveness. But some have looked, seen virulent shades of red, and accused him of equating Margaret Thatcher's new Britain with Auschwitz. "The most horrible play ever produced by a serious theatre," snapped a usually genial colleague when I suggested he might have misread Flannery's aims.

Flannery in person fails to resemble either a bug-eyed Trotsky or a steely Pot Pot. He is a mild, earnest man, with a white beard and retreating hairline that make him look older than his 38 years. He admits to hoping that *Singer*, like his other plays, will disturb its audiences, make them ask questions about modern Britain—but I haven't any designs over what they do with any information I give them. I don't expect them to picket Downing Street.

Flannery's anti-establishment politics are hardly surprising, given his background. One of the men under the banner in those famous photos of the hunger-marchers from Larrow is his grandfather. The son of a labourer, Flannery was brought up in a prefab on an overspill estate outside the same dreary city. He had, he says, never met anyone

who talked differently from his family until he went to Manchester University to study drama.

If any one issue has shaped him, it is housing. As a boy, he was horrified by the way the aged still lived in the Jarrold slums. As a student, he roomed in Moss Side at a time when such areas were being transformed from a jungle of decaying terraces to a wilderness of tower blocks. And in 1978, Manchester became the bleak setting of the first of the three Flannery plays the RSC has staged: *Savage Amusement*.

That showed slum life reducing a young husband from a happy-go-lucky optimist into a cynic, constitutionally unemployable. It was memorable mainly for creating a marvellous first role for David Threlfall. He played an illiterate scavenger, scratching a furtive living through shadowy contacts and marauding sorties on Tesco, a two-legged rodent who had adapted to an environment in which the better educated proved helpless; a creature for the 1980s, or so Flannery suggested.

The play combined imaginative power with a foreboding justified in some ways, paranoid in others. *Our Friends in the North*, which followed in 1982, added sweep and scope to the dramatic equation. Once again, a main subject was housing, specifically the impact on Newcastle of municipal malpractice like that exposed in the Poulson scandal. But Flannery's play also embraced corruption in the Met and the busting of Rhodesian sanctions by oil companies. His conclusion was that our parliamentary democracy was inadequate to deal with entrenched evil, because entrenched evil had hijacked parliamentary democracy.

No wonder critics boggled. Was Flannery not generalising too far on the basis of particular abuses? Did the evidence really warrant an ending in which exemplary victims descended with machine guns on a restaurant where privileged baddies were blithely stuffing themselves? Flannery admits that researching the play left him able to understand "how people got so frustrated trying to achieve change legitimately that they joined the Red Brigade". But to understand, he insists, is

not to endorse; rather to warn. Indeed, Flannery's political mind-set these days seems hard to categorise. He has kind words for Macmillan's era, when life improved vastly for his own family and, he feels, standards of public probity were higher than now. He believes that trade unions became too powerful under Labour. He has renounced his early Marxism for what he supposes is a blend of anarchism and old-fashioned socialism. "I'm a dissenter. I tend to define myself in terms of what I'm against."

That certainly seems true of his television series, *Blind Justice*, which is against the belief that our legal system is fair, and of *Singer* itself. "I wanted to encapsulate political and public life in post-war Britain," he explains. "I was looking for a big, epic story that was nevertheless built around an individual life, one that would let us look critically at the world we had been living in and its changes." He also, he says, hoped to write something more Jacobean in style than his earlier, mostly naturalistic work.

Once again, housing provided him with his solution. He read a biography of Rachman, who came to England from some unidentified labour camp in Eastern Europe, built a fortune out of slum landlordism, and killed himself; Flannery had his individual and his tale. Rachman became *Singer*. The camp became Auschwitz, allowing Flannery to ask interesting questions about what the past does to us and what we should do with the past.

But his main piece of revisionism was to resurrect the landlord from the grave and show him in action in the 1970s and 1980s. First, he was shown atoning for his sins by bringing soup to the homeless—"St Peter of the South Bank". Later he is seen being seduced by contemporary property sharks, who venerate the monster he once was and assure him his time has come again. It is here that critics have balked. Flannery almost seems to be identifying the death-camp of his opening, where *Singer* and his nephew offer little girls to kapos



Flannery: "I define myself in terms of what I'm against"

and swindle fellow prisoners, with free-enterprise Britain.

"Yes, there is a link," admits Flannery. "But you'd have to be incredibly naive to think I'm equating Nazism with Thatcherism. I'm comparing extremes of the marketplace. There was a corner of Auschwitz where people bartered for soup and did horrendous things just to stay alive. That is where *Singer* learns to trade. Well, it would be curious if I came to the Eighties and didn't point out that we're living in a society where we're told that market forces are paramount. Thatcherism is the latest expression of that philosophy."

"Yes, I do poke Mrs Thatcher in the ribs a few times—and why not? I'm bloody sure that if Webster or Jonson were writing now, they'd stick some sharp

objects in her ribcage. I'm not saying she's Hitler. I'm equating the marketplace of Auschwitz with anywhere else where the values of the market are untrammelled."

That is an answer hardly likely to appease Flannery's critics. Not unreasonably, they will still probably find the comparison over-the-top. But who thinks drama must be temperate and without bias, or that we have to agree with our playwrights? If the theatre stops being a place where maddening things can be said with imaginative daring, it will also stop being a forum that matters. Flannery may mistrust our democracy. It would surely be worse off without the angry eloquence of a *Singer*.

● *Singer* transfers to the Barbican Theatre, London EC2, tomorrow. Tel: 071-638 8891

## OPERA

## Jealous loves of the 18th-century castrati

Gerald Barry's opera of sexual intrigue, *The Intelligence Park*, has its premiere this week. Stephen Pettiitt met the composer

Gerald Barry has had to wait a long while for the world premiere of his opera, *The Intelligence Park*. It was first intended to be staged at the ICA in 1986, but was abandoned then and in 1988 because funding could not be guaranteed. The same problem obliterated the Almeida Festival's intended production last year, but this year the Festival simply decided to go ahead with the work and wait for the funds to come in afterwards. Fortunately the funds have arrived.

Barry, an engaging, nervously talkative Irishman, is rather pleased by the delay. "I didn't finish the orchestration until this year, though the opera was essentially written as far back as 1981. I lost heart because it kept getting

cancelled. But I'm now glad it was cancelled. It's now the richer for it."

*The Intelligence Park*, Barry claims, is based on truth, and is about the jealousies and intrigues surrounding the relationship of two famous castrati (to be sung here by a male counter-tenor and a woman singer), the marriage of one of them to a magistrate's daughter, and a composer's love for him. Vincent Deane's text is a mosaic taken from a variety of 18th-century sources. Barry has also borrowed some material. In his case, though, material from

earlier composers has been transformed. "I take some of my harmonies, for example, from the chords formed by passing notes in Bach chorales. It's a springboard, in no sense a pastiche. I've also drawn on Buxtehude, John Dowland and Thomas Arne."

"The most important influence on me has been the early-music revival. It's stripped away those awful layers of varnish so that there's a new clarity and focus. When I was studying in Cologne with Stockhausen and Kagel, I learned to play the bass viol. My music, I hope, has a directness and

a transparency, like Handel. I don't like it to sound difficult, even though it is: it keeps the musicians busy nearly all the time."

Handel is a composer Barry admires greatly. His next planned operatic project is to be called, he thinks, *The Triumph of Beauty and Deceit*, a slightly naughty negation of the victorious abstractions of Handel's *The Triumph of Time and Truth*, but also, it appears, some kind of homage.

He admits that putting together his first opera had sometimes been a nightmare. "I just felt my way

along. When I work, my mind tends to race and become illogical. I'm not fully responsible; it's just something that reflects my state of mind at the time. Because of that, I suppose, the way I've set the words isn't very conventional. If, for instance, I want a character to sing beyond his range I just transfer the part to another singer. I use the singers as mechanical tools." He holds strong views about the comprehensibility of opera. "I think it's important not to understand every word that's being sung. If you want that, then you're better off at a play."

● *The Intelligence Park* opens at the Almeida Theatre, London N1, on Friday. Further performances on July 8, 10, 12, 14. Tel: 071-259 4404



Barry: Shifts parts from singer to singer to suit their range

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## CRITICS' CHOICE: OPERA, PERFORMANCE ART AND DANCE

## OPERA

## LONDON

WILLIAM TELL: Welcome opportunity to see Rossini's final, epic-scale opera. Gregory Vintich in the title role. New production by John Cox. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, Sat, 6pm, £4-£20.

ARABELLA: Return of Rudolf Hartmann's production of Strauss's romantic comedy. Kiri Te Kanawa (title role) and Jeffrey Tate (conductor) repeat the performances familiar from their Decca recording. Peter Weber sings Mandryka. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), Fri, Tues, 7pm, £4-£20.

THE INTELLIGENCE PARK: Keenly awaited new opera set in 18th-century Dublin, by the Irish composer Gerald Barry (pupil of Kagel). The cast includes Richard Jackson, Paul Harby, Stephen Richardson and Nicholas Clapton. (see feature, above) Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404), Fri, Sun, Tues, 7.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

OUTSIDE LONDON

THE MAGIC FLUTE: The notion of setting Mozart's quest for knowledge in the hippy culture of 1960s California is a potentially fruitful one, but just how enlightening Peter Sellers's now production is remains debatable. Glynedebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), tomorrow, Sat, Mon, 5.25pm, £30-£75.

MASQUERADE: The first professional staging in this country of Nielsen's comic opera of 1906 is another triumph for Opera North. Sung in English by an admirable team of soloists. Elgar Howarth conducts. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 445326), tomorrow, 7.15pm, £4-£21.

OTELLO: Peter Stern's broadly conventional production is highly recommended. Jeffrey Lawton and Faith Esham as Othello and Desdemona. Welsh National Opera, Hippodrome, Bristol (0272 299444), Fri, 7.15pm, £4-£29. Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544), Tues, 7.15pm, £9-£30.

THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER: The oppressive atmosphere of Poe's Gothic horror story at last meets its match in the obsessive patterns of Philip Glass's minimalism. Michael McCarthy's production for Music Theatre Wales. Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham (0242 523050), Sat, 8.15pm, £4-£13.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Some delightful singing and playing from the resourceful Pinnock Opera under the direction of Wasfi Kari. Clarendon Park, Guildford (0483 222482), Sat, 6pm, £5-£12.

SAUL: Concert performance of Handel's majestic dramatic oratorio by the Bristol Opera Company under David Selwyn. Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Clifton, Bristol (0272 620223), Sun, 7.30pm, £4.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE: Keith Warner's hilarious production for D'Oyly Carte. The cast includes Marilyn Hill Smith, John Pryor-Jones conducts. Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 628205), Mon and Tues, 7.30pm, £5-£16.50.

BARRY MILLINGTON

## PERFORMANCE ART

CILDO MEIRELES: Last opportunity to visit these two striking and thought-provoking large-scale installations by this Brazilian artist. Powerful use of materials such as bones, coins, chalk and charcoal make these structures strongly atmospheric. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), until July 12, £1.50 day pass.

PITKA NTULU: At the Nerve End of our Dream. Using sound materials in diverse forms, this performer/artist explores his exile from Southern Africa. Sculpture, installation and paintings celebrate the dream of freedom. Greenwich Citizens Gallery, 151 Powis Street, Woolwich, London SE18 (081-316 2752), today until July 14, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, free.

RACHAEL WHITEREAD: Ghost. A sculptural work which makes us delve into our perception of space within spaces. This installation is a life-size plastercast of the air contained within the four walls of a room. Whiteread's work is strong and well thought out. Chisenhale Gallery, 64-64 Chisenhale Road, London (081-981 4518), Wed-Sun, 1-6pm, free, until July 27.

CIRCUS: The Mapapa Acrobats. First UK visit of this famous Kenyan troupe who mix tumbling and acrobatics with colourful costumes, traditional dancing and live African high-life music. This show promises to be a fast-moving spectacle. Waterman's Art Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176), Mon-Wed, 8.30pm, £5.95 (£2.95).

ARCHAOS: Boulinax. The reckless chainsaw jugglers from France provide a crazy show involving an exploding Jaguar, a Mini full of water, a London taxi driven by performing fish and an

ex-Soviet Army crane. This 80 strong troupe will keep you on the knife-edge of potential disaster. Platt Fields, Manchester (0831 220400/0831 220401), tonight until July 15, 8.30pm (except Mon), mats Sat, Sun, 3pm, adults, £3 (£3), children under 16, £4. Group bookings available.

CHISLAINE BODDINGTON

## DANCE

KIROV BALLET: Last performance tonight of Oleg Vinogradov's new treatment of *Petrushka*, with Balanchine's *Theme & Variations* and *Scoth Symphony*. Swan Lake concludes the London season (Thurs-Sat). Then a final week in Birmingham starting with *Le Corsaire* (Mon-Wed). London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm, £8.50-£25, mat Sat, 2pm, £8.50-£45. Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), 7.30pm, £10-£40.

CUMBRE FLAMENCA: Final performances by a group of Spanish dance soloists with gypsy singers and guitarists. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £4-£16.

NAHID SIDDIQUI: Kathak dancer with her musicians at the Leeds Festival. Dome Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), Thurs, 8pm, £2.

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE: One week only in London, opening with the British premiere of Twyla Tharp's in the Upper Room to Philip Glass's music. Also two of the company's long-time standard works: Tudor's dramatic *Pillar of Fire* and Balanchine's classic *Theme & Variations* (Mon, Tues). Wednesday brings the British premiere of Clark Tippet's dramatic duet *Some Assembly Required*, with the provocative restaging of Gail's *Pansienne* and *Kingdom of Shades*. Act II from *La Bayadère*. Also a showpiece duet each night. London Coliseum, (as above), 7.30pm, £8.50-£40.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE SCHOOL: Students perform Paul Taylor's exhilarating *Explanade* and a new work by Victoria Marks as well as their own compositions. The Place Theatre, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Mon to July 14, 8pm, £4.

A GOOD DO: A new ballet by Jonathan Burrows for a Royal Ballet cast. Also Burrows's *Dull Morning*. Riverside Studios, London W8 (081-748 3354), Tues, Wed, 8.30pm, £5.

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# Memories haunt the magic

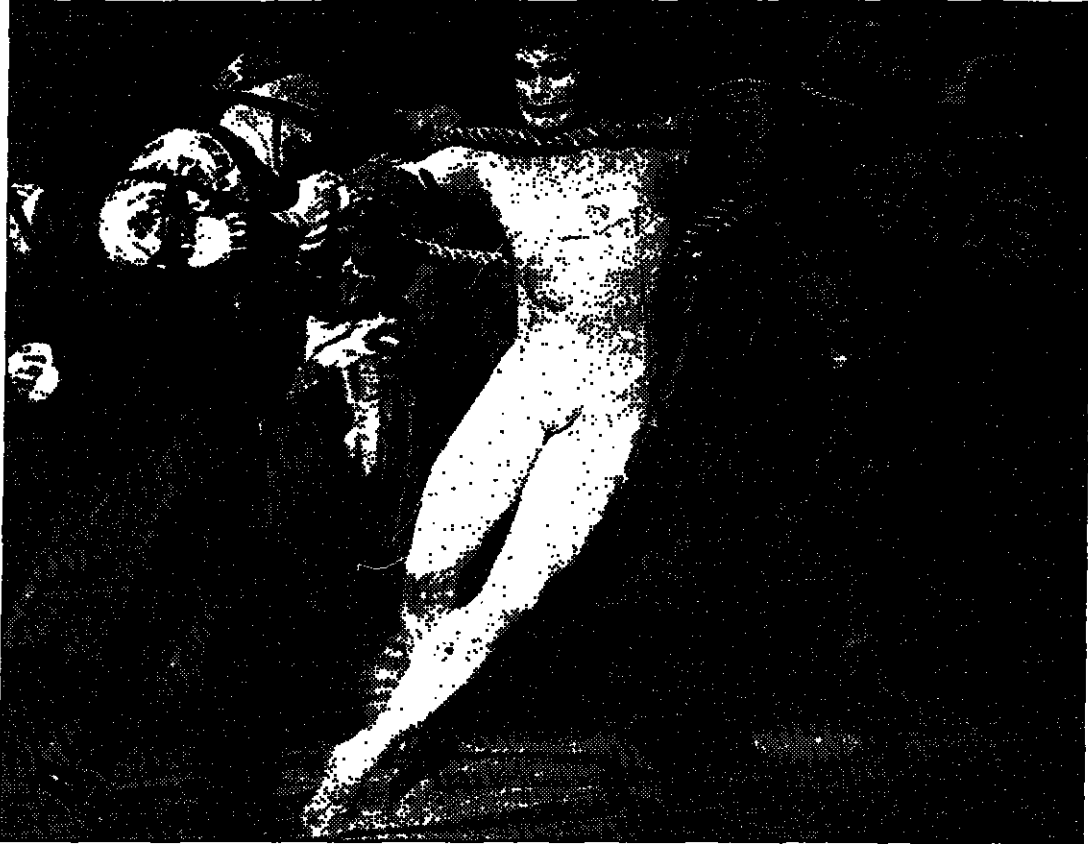
**DANCE**  
**Kirov Ballet**  
**Coliseum**

GHOSTS stirred through all three ballets given by the Kirov on Monday as the last new programme of its London season. In the two Balanchine works, the hauntings were partly intended by the choreographer. *Theme and Variations* pays homage to the city of his birth, St Petersburg, and its imperial ballet, so the echoes of grandeur sit aptly on the heirs of that company.

The Kirov ensemble, especially the women, respond with style and confidence to the combination of classical display dancing and Tchaikovsky music (the finale from his Suite No 3). Although Balanchine created *Theme and Variations* for the Kirov, some of the dancers have possibly never looked more natural than in this revival.

The two principal dancers looked slightly less at ease. That is understandable: all later casts have been haunted by the imprint on the roles of two exceptional dancers, Alicia Alonso and Igor Youskevich, for whom they were made. Even so, young Larissa Lezhnina found a gently sparkling quality for her entrées. Kirill Melnikov partnered her ably but struggled to get through a reduced version of his main solo.

In *Scotch Symphony*, the ghosts are of earlier French romanticism. Balanchine's treatment of this can be disconcerting, since he shapes encounters between a romantic lover, a group of sylphs and an ensemble of killed gentlemen into the abstract form of a classic ballet



Strong and dramatic: Andris Liepa in the Kirov Ballet production of Balanchine's *Petrushka*

to three movements of Mendelssohn's symphony. However, this ballet has never been danced in London before, so we have no unhappy comparisons. We can enjoy Yelena Pankova's beautiful speed and lightness as the chief sylph and Yevgeny Neft's smiling ardour as her follower, as well as the easy skill with which the supporting dancers trace the mazes of a secret game.

Oleg Vinogradov's *Petrushka* is all very well if you can forget Fokine's memorable original treatment. Vinogradov's hero is no puppet, but a clown-faced rebel against oppressive authority. He tries to stir others to protest and resist the blandishments of politicians. The tragedy of the character (as, as Vinogradov sees it, of perestroika so far) is that the crowds respond too late.

I have to admire the sincerity of this reinterpretation, while remaining sceptical of its response to Stravinsky's score, which seems to want more, more detail. Andris Liepa plays the title part with little strength and flamboyant wit, but I missed the innocence and heart-rending depth which Sergei Vakhreev (who also dances the role) finds in it.

JOHN PERCIVAL

## THEATRE

### The Ferry Play

LAST year, with much pomp and circumstance, the French celebrated the centenary of the Eiffel Tower, one of the marvels of 19th-century engineering. This year sees the centenary of the Forth railway bridge, another marvel of the Victorian age which has the misfortune to be sited in Britain where we revere such achievements less. Undaunted by the public's almost total lack of interest, the people of South Queensferry, the village overshadowed by the bridge, have, with a little help from their sponsors and the usual funding bodies, contrived to mark the

anniversary in the time-honoured fashion, with a community play. This being a special occasion, the play also had to be special. Not content with a play for the community, the organisers added the Forth Bridge Ring Cycle and *Bridging The Gap*, a new play by the Scottish dramatist, Hector MacMillan. All this adds up to a long evening and as the early parts of the proceedings are rather recklessly alfresco, it can be a rather wet and windy one as well.

*The Ferry Play*, as performed by the locals, is a jolly, pleasant, slightly chaotic affair which follows the pattern, de rigueur for these dramas, beginning in pre-history, taking in a witch-burning or two, adding a few historical celebrities and ending in the present day (in this case on a giant snooker table in honour of Stephen Hendry, world champion snooker player

and local resident). There is also a bit of historical and geographical leeway in the incorporation of an ambush of some hapless Redcoats by Rob Roy MacGregor. But it turns out he is collecting for charity as well as murdering English soldiers, so nobody minds. The music by Warren Willis is tuneful in a synthesiser and drum-machine sort of way and, from the obvious enjoyment of the chorus, it is a pleasure to sing. Then came the turn of the professionals, a pampered lot, who were given an indoor theatre in which to perform. Hector MacMillan, as one might expect, does not allow his audience just to celebrate, but uses his play to make us question what it is we are celebrating. Unfortunately, the structure of his work is so ingenious (or complicated) that most of the first act is spent

unravelling who's who, as a professional company playing an amateur company playing the dignitaries who were involved in the opening of the bridge. It is amiable, with some jokes at the expense of intense American directors, some rude words, the odd risqué joke, some salacious historical gossip and the occasional serious point about the technology. The company seemed to be enjoying themselves and Paul Elkins, the director, had tried to impose some order in the proceedings.

The Forth may not have the romance of the Seine, or its railway bridge the magic of the Eiffel Tower. But the view from its banks is beautiful and, damn it all, so is the bridge.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

## CONCERT

### Hilliard Ensemble

#### Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery

A FEW years ago, at the time when his first recording and performances of his *St John Passion* were suddenly winning him a wide audience, Arvo Pärt was suggesting he might write no more, and one can imagine why. Music of such elementary simplicity might easily seem limited in its possibilities: composers with richer resources can make endless different cocktails, but there is only one way to mix pure water.

Moreover, the Estonian composer's very success could be seen as an obstacle. A record selling in tens of thousands generates expectations, which might well have damaged the innocence at the heart of Pärt's composing.

But that did not happen. In a concert given as part of the new Chorus International festival that promises to be an annual event in Glasgow, a new piece was performed for the first time in this country by the Hilliard Ensemble.

Part's favoured musicians, with choir and instrumentalists under Paul Hillier.

*Miserere* is the setting of the penitential psalm for five singers with instrumental accompaniment; the text is divided into three segments by bold interpolations. First comes a roaring choral canon with organ and instruments on verses from the *Dies Irae*, recalling in its clamour the repeated descents and dotted rhythms of Pärt's big brass fanfare, *Arhos*. The second interpolation has the organ and instruments taking off in a semi-quaver flight up to and around a high F-minor chord.

The psalm sections are altogether calmer. Within each one, and within the triptych as a whole, there is a gradual increase in fullness of scoring, but the slow tempo remains the same, and so does the pitch model: a steady ascent in each phrase, so often in Pärt. What is less usual in his recent music is the diversity of the instrumental group, including six different wind soloists, organ, percussion and two electric guitars.

The combination of choir and wind evokes Stravinsky, but the guitars in a sacred context make less suitable allusions, and the

variation of colour goes against the paucity that is perhaps an essential quality in Pärt. His music depends on a conviction that there is nothing more to be said, that a minimal language is being used maximally. But *Miserere* suggests unused possibilities, and the handling of solo instruments can seem bald and arbitrary.

The programme included another unrecorded piece, with the title *Sarah was ninety years old*, though no words are set. Two tenors sang duets (Rogers Covey-Crump's voice nicely hitting a humming resonance in the great atmosphere of the performing space), separated and framed by antiphonies for two solo drums tapping out variations on an unchanging slow eight-beat measure. Later a soprano (the thrillingly sure Sarah Leonard) sounded out from the organ gallery, her voice marvelously emerging through the decay of organ chords plus tam-tam.

The *Miserere* performance will be repeated at the Proms on August 2, but before that, this Saturday, Pärt's *Berlin Mass* has its British premiere at the Almeida Festival.

PAUL GRIFFITHS



Arvo Pärt: minimal sounds employed to maximum effect

## NEW RELEASES

◆ **FRESH HORSES (15)**: Uddly door version of Larry Korman's off-Broadway drama about a redneck romance, decent performance from Korman and Andrew McCarthy. Director: David Anspaugh. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0810).

◆ **LORD OF THE FLIES (15)**: Flat new version of William Golding's strange novel, mostly turning the English schoolboys mentioned on a tropical island into American military academy cadets. Paul Bettany leads a largely unknown cast. Harry Hook directs. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0810).

◆ **BLACK RAIN (15)**: Quietly magnificent and poignant Japanese portrait of a family suffering from the after-effects of the Hiroshima bomb. Directed by Shohei Imamura. Music by Toru Takemitsu. Renior (071-437 8402).

◆ **THE MONKS (15)**: A house full of bumps and scares by four point worms. Aflacciated work-up of the monster movies of the Fifties, with special effects. Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, director, Ron Howard. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0810).

◆ **WINDFIGHTS (15)**: Taut drama about South Africa in transition, featuring John Hurt as a cynical journalist on assignment with an African cartoonist, looking down a black African's soul. Director: David Wilt. ICA Cinema (071-636 3647).

## CURRENT

◆ **CINEMA PARADISO (PG)**: Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema, an appealing adult to the movie. Curzon: Midway (071-436 5555) Phoenix (071-240 9965).

◆ **CLEAN AND SOBER (15)**: Aggressively bleak portrait of the difficulties in breaking a cocaine habit. With Michael Keaton. Warner (071-436 0791).

◆ **DREAMS (PG)**: Akira Kurosawa's fantasy on a vision of violence, ecology, and the artist's creative process, a touch naive, but a visual feast. Data (071-727 4043) Renior (071-437 8402).

◆ **FOOLS OF FORTUNE (15)**: Pat O'Connor's garbled version of William Trevor's novel about an Irish family's turbulent fortunes during the 1820s and 1830s. With Ian McEwan. Curzon (071-436 5555) Phoenix (071-240 9965).

◆ **HARD TO KILL (15)**: Steven Seagal as a cop emerging from a seven-year coma to avenge himself on the assassin who killed his father. With Kelly LeBrock. Warner (071-436 0791) Whittaker (071-732 3303/3324).

◆ **HARLEM NIGHTS (15)**: Tired, vulgar comedy about an nightclub owned by a corrupt crime boss, an unimpressive vehicle for Eddie Murphy (ambiguously serving as writer, director and star). Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0810) Plaza (071-437 9999).

◆ **THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG)**: Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-glacier drama. Warner (071-436 0791).

## CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated) in the country.

◆ **AN ANNOYING MAN (15)**: Unpleasant round-up of prison drama clichés, with Tom Selleck as an ordinary Joe, wrongly jailed by two corrupt cops. Directed by Peter Yates. Cannon Cinema (071-732 3303/3324) Notting Hill Cinema (071-732 3303/3324).

◆ **INTERNAL AFFAIRS (15)**: Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of mystery and corruption. Tired thriller, given some luck by Brian Koppelman's script. Directed by Mitchell Albrow. Cannon Cinema (071-732 3303/3324) Plaza (071-437 9999) Whittaker (071-732 3303/3324).

◆ **JOHNNY HANDSOME (15)**: Grabbing unimpressive action leader from director Walter Hill, with Mickey Rourke as a degraded criminal who plans a double-cross following plastic surgery. With Sean Connery. Cannon Cinema (071-732 3303/3324).

◆ **THE KRAVYS (15)**: Bland, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to London in respectability. Directed by Cannon Haymarket (071-436 1527).

◆ **MONSIEUR HIRE (15)**: Patrice Leconte's intense, stylish version of Simonon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, a sinking achievement by director: Patrice Leconte. With Michel Blanc. Sandrine Boncompagni (071-436 1527).

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◆ **THE PUNISHER (15)**: Rourke based on the Marvel Comics character, Doug Lindgren as a former police captain seeking revenge. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0810) Phoenix Cinema (071-436 1527).

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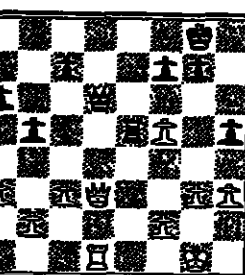
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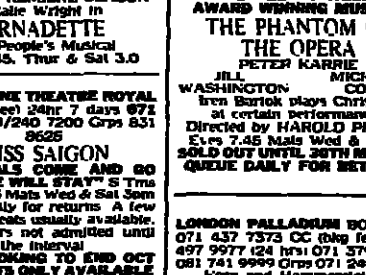
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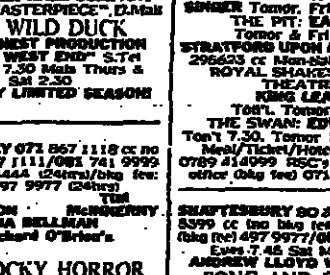
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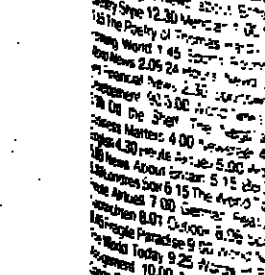
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## BBC 1

- 6.00 Cee-fax  
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Meyer and Jill Dando in the London studio and Nicholas Witchell reporting from Moscow 6.55 Regional news and weather  
9.00 News and weather followed by *Loval Road*. Seven days in the life of the Preston street observed by Alan Bewick (r) 9.35 *Canoe*. Alan Bye includes the construction of a glass fibre craft (r)  
10.00 News and weather followed by *The Hullo Spencer Show* Puppet series from the United States 10.25 Playdays 10.50 Report the Bear. Animated series narrated by Ray Brooks (r)  
10.55 Five to Eleven. Gary Watson reads poems and letters by Gerard Manley Hopkins  
11.00 News and weather followed by *Hudson and Halls*. The Kiwi cooks are joined by Pam St Clement, who plays *Pet in the Hat* (r) 11.30 *Boswell's Wildlife Safari* to Mexico. The natural economy of a tropical rainforest (r)  
12.00 News and weather followed by *Dallas*. Enduring soap revolving around the world of Texas oil barons. JR plans an elaborate takeover of the Weststar company but, much to his surprise, Sue Ellen refuses to join the takeover (r) (Cee-fax) 12.50 *Reviving Antiques*. Cleaning and repairing antique toys, with John Fitzmaurice Mills. (Cee-fax) 12.55 Regional news and weather  
1.00 News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 *Neighbours*. (Cee-fax)  
1.50 *Wimbledon 90*. Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of the men's singles quarter-finals. The commenting team is Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Mark Cox, Virginia Wade, Ann Jones, Bill Threlfall, Paul Hutchings, Pam Shriver and John Alexander  
4.10 *Ewoks*. Cartoon adventures (r) 4.35 *What's Wrong with Nell?* Drama about a young boy whose love note to his

sweetheart falls into the hands of the class bully

- 5.00 *Newsround* 5.10 *Colour in the Creek*. Episode three of the 10-part children's drama serial set in Australia during the 1930s depression about a family wandering the bush to find work (r)  
5.35 *Neighbours* (r). (Cee-fax). Northern Ireland. Sportsweek 5.40 *Inside Uster*  
6.00 *News* with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather  
6.20 *Regional News Magazines*



Franz Beckenbauer: road to Rome? (6.35pm)

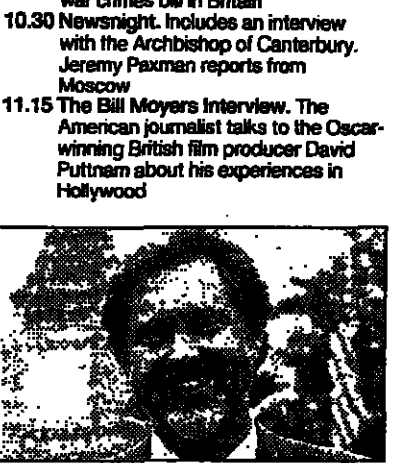
- 6.35 *World Cup Grandstand*.  
● Past England-West Germany World Cup battles include two of the tournament's most famous games, those in 1966 when England won the final in extra time and 1970 when the Germans gained revenge in Mexico after being two goals down. We can only hope for something as gripping from tonight's encounter at the Stadio Nuovo Comunale in Turin. West Germany have been the more impressive of the two sides so far, with

England's progress representing a triumph of determination over superior skills. Once more, BBC 1 and ITV are both covering the match, so expect the BBC to make the most of its claim to "uninterrupted transmission". ITV has Jimmy Greaves and his T-shirt but it the 1980 World Cup has confirmed anything it is the curious inability of former footballers, compared with, say, former cricketers, to talk

aluminatingly about their game. NB: the following programme times may be altered if the football goes into extra time

- 9.00 *News* with Martin Lewis. Regional news and weather  
9.30 *Frontiers: Big Brother's Bargain*. Nigel Hamilton's report from Finland's 1,000 mile border with the Soviet Union is a bit of a scoop since for 40 years no one has been officially allowed to film it. KGB permission was granted on condition that Hamilton did not push his luck and talk to the Soviet security officers about politics. Denied this favour, he does rather better by stumbling on a man sending Bibles into the Soviet Union by balloon and uncovering a smuggling operation which helps to explain why Western athletes get their anabolic steroids. A clandestine day trip to Leningrad, captured by Hamilton in shelly video images, is straight out of a spy film. More seriously, Hamilton reveals the extent to which the Finns are under the thumb of the Soviet Union, sending back political refugees and buying timber they do not need since their forests are growing with it. Hamilton, whose effects for Finland extends to a Finnish wife, sorrowfully concludes that the image of a plucky, independent nation is a sham  
10.20 *Today* at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter with highlights of the men's singles quarter-finals  
11.20 *Newsround*. Child in the Forest. Dramatised documentary about Winifred Foley who describes her love for the Forest of Dean, a place she had to leave at the age of 14 when pressed into domestic service  
11.50 *Weather*

10.20 *Fifth Column*. The Canadian lawyer Douglas Christie, who successfully defended a Hungarian accused of war crimes, comments on the government's plans to introduce a war crimes bill in Britain  
10.30 *Newsnight*. Includes an interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Jeremy Paxman reports from Moscow  
11.15 *The Bill Moyers Interview*. The American journalist talks to the Oscar-winning British film producer David Putnam about his experiences in Hollywood



David Putnam on Hollywood life (11.15pm)

- 11.45 *Late Show Special on Soul II Soul* (r) 11.55 *Weather*  
12.00 *Open University: Learning Space*. 12.25am *Open Forum Magazine*. Ends at 12.55

## ITV LONDON

- 6.00 TV-am begins with *News* and *Good Morning Britain* presented by Martin Fritzel and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lesley Kelly. 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine, introduced by Kathy Taylor, includes advice from image consultant Philippa Davies and a bistro recipe from the Cooking Canon, John Eley  
9.25 *Chain Letters*. Word game hosted by Alan Stewart 9.55 *Thames News* and weather  
10.00 *Out of This World*. American comedy about a teenage girl who is the daughter of an alien. Starring Maureen Flannigan  
10.30 *This Morning*. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the home and family-oriented magazine series. Today's edition includes advice on emotional problems, gossip from Hollywood and a look at life from a child's point of view. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather  
12.05 *Allegro*. Children's entertainment (r) 12.25 *Home and Away*. Drama with the Fletchers and their family of five foster children 12.55 *Thames News* and weather  
1.00 *News at One* with John Suchet  
1.20 *Turning the Tide*. David Bellamy investigates why, with so much surplus food in the world, there are millions of people dying of starvation (r)  
1.50 *A Country Practice*. Australian medical drama following the fortunes of the people who live the small rural community of Wandin Valley

- 2.20 *Take the High Road*. Scottish soap set in the remote but picturesque Highland village of Glendamoach  
2.50 *Connections*. Simon Potter hosts the tantalising lateral thinking game 3.15 *News headlines* 3.20 *Thames News* headlines 3.25 *The Young Doctors*. More dramas from Australia's Albert Memorial Hospital where the staff have more problems than the patients  
3.55 *The Wombles*. (Oracle) 4.00 *Bertie the Bat*. Cartoon series narrated by Bernard Cribbins 4.10 *Fraggle Rock* 4.40 *Kappatoo*. Science fiction adventure about a pair of identical boys from different centuries. Simon is still not safe from the Time Police. Will they find him or will Kappatoo end up in the 20th century? Last in the current series. Starring Simon Nash  
5.10 *Blockbusters*. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz for teenagers, hosted by Bob Holmes  
5.40 *News with Sue Carpenter*. Weather 5.55 *Home and Away* (r)  
6.20 *Thames News* and weather  
6.30 *World Cup 90*. The second semi-final, live from the Stadio Comunale, Turin, West Germany v England. It is 28 years since the Germans failed to reach the last four. They will be confident of beating England, who seem to have hit at last on a playing style that makes the most of their skilful players and cloaks their weaknesses. But with the luck the team seems to have had on its side during the competition, England could surprise and reach their first final since winning in 1966

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- 9.00 *Coronation Street*. (Oracle)

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 *Noah's Ark*. The southern white whales of the Valdes Peninsula (r). (Oracle)  
6.20 *Business Daily*  
6.30 *The Channel 4 Daily*  
9.25 *The Art of Landscape*. Stunning scenes of natural beauty set to soothing music  
11.00 *As It Happens*. Innovative series in which a camera crew is given a location and told to do what it likes with it. Today's uncut programme comes from the Thames  
12.00 *The Parliament Programme*  
12.30 *Business Daily*  
1.00 *Sesame Street*. Learning fun for younger viewers  
2.00 *Open View*. Lesley Judd reviews the *Open College's Catering with Care - Tourism* (r). (Oracle)  
2.30 *Joseph Needham*. Dr. Joseph Needham, an expert on the history of Chinese science, talks about his life to Ronald Eyre (r)  
3.25 *Movie Museum* (b/w). A short horror film, *Second Fiddle*, featuring the 1922 version of Frankenstein  
3.40 *The Open University*. Highlights of the series, featuring Tom Cruise, Sylvester Stallone, Eddie Murphy and Joan Collins  
4.30 *Countdown*  
5.00 *Go For It*. Adventurous children's programme (r). (Oracle)  
5.30 *Flight Over Spain*. Barcelona from the air. (Oracle)  
6.00 *Continuity*. The continuing journeys of Richard Goodwin on his converted barge, accompanied by Ray Lundy. Now reaching the heart of France, Richard and the crew join the Bastille Day celebrations

- 6.30 *Tour de France 1990*. The seventh and longest stage, Avanches to Rouen, a distance of 302km  
7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Jon Snow and Zainab Badawi  
7.50 *Party Political Comment* from a Plaid Cymru politician. Followed by *Weather*  
8.00 *Brookside*. (Oracle)  
8.30 *Europe Express*. This first of a new series includes interviews with some of the miners who helped crush anti-government demonstrators in Bucharest last week and a report on the human implications of German economic and monetary union  
9.00 *Poetry in Motion*. Alan Bennett discusses the work of Louis MacNeice in his diverting series on modern British poets (Oracle)  
9.30 *A Triumph of Eagles*. Lake Malawi is rich in fish and this is the ideal haunt of the African fish eagle. It is also the ideal haunt of fishermen. Yet the presence of the fisherman is actually a boon for the eagles. Featuring impressive camera work, this is the story of how Tony and Liz Bonford filmed both eagles and fishermen in harmony  
10.00 *The Gravy Train*.  
● Malcolm Bradbury's Eurosatire moves smoothly into its second episode and shows every sign of being one of the summer's more accomplished dramatic offerings. *The Gravy Train* scores highly on wit and comic plotting and perhaps above all manages to turn a European co-production into a virtue rather than a vice. Whether or not the European Community has really been faced with the problem of having to dispose of trainloads of surplus plums is irrelevant. Bradbury's



Christoph Waltz: a fruity problem (10.00pm)

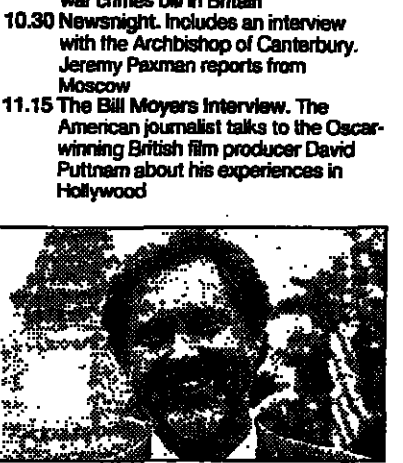
- achievement is that he makes you believe it. And this character tends to be based on familiar stereotypes, the conscientiously managed to bring them up fresh. He is helped by David Tucker's brisk direction and excellent playing by the international cast. Ian Richardson's cynical bureaucrat is a typically polished performance and Christoph Waltz's portrayal of the naive young German, who is the heart of the tale a steadily increasing delight. (Oracle)  
11.00 *Billy the Fish*. Comic cartoon adapted from the *Viz* strip  
11.05 *A Fortunate Life*. Bush Schooling 1905-1908. Episode two of the Australian mini-series based on the true story of Ben Farcy, who survives an unbelievably hard upbringing (no schooling, father dead, abandoned by his mother) to fight in the first world war and find true happiness (r). (Oracle)  
12.55am *Tour de France*. See 6.30  
1.25 *The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. The \$20,000 Kiss (1962, b/w). Dawn Adams and Michael Gambon. A standard B thriller about a blackmail attempt with unpleasant repercussions. Directed by John Moxey. Ends at 2.25

## BBC 2

- 6.45 *Open University: Physics* - Reflections on Waves 7.10 Ottoman Supremacy: The Suleymaniye, Istanbul  
8.00 *News* 8.15 *Westminster*  
9.00 *Wimbledon 90*. Highlights from yesterday's ladies' quarter-finals  
10.00 *So and Sew* (b/w). Vintage comedy series starring Lucie Ball  
10.15 *Film: The First Rebel* (1939, b/w) John Wayne as a young frontiersman trying to stop the flow of illegal liquor and arms to the Indians. Claire Trevor and George Sanders also star in a crisply-made but routine western, directed by William A. Seiter  
11.25 *Tex Avery Directs, Field and Screen* (r) 11.35 *Anything That Makes a Noise*. Profile of the Belfast busker Henry Dagg (r)  
12.15 *Country File*. Should horses be transported live from Britain for consumption on the Continent? (r) 12.40 *Fingermouse* (r)  
12.55 *Wimbledon 90*. Harry Carpenter introduces action from the All England Club. Includes *Weather* and *Weather* at 2.00, 3.00 and 3.50  
8.10 *Candle on the Hill: Is this Work?* Jonathan Stedall concludes his three-part report on Camphil and its work with the mentally handicapped

by following current developments from Pennsylvania to Middlebrough and from Switzerland to Norfolk. He casts himself as a sympathetic observer, content to record rather than judge. The result is that Camphil's achievements, in the 50 years since it was founded in Scotland, tend to be taken as read rather than scrutinised in a wider context. The story is not a sensational one. There are no miracles, only endless hours of patient work by dedicated people, some of them recalled in black and white footage from Stedall's previous documentaries on Camphil made in the 1960s. Stedall records the first attempt in Britain at a day centre and an experiment with integrating the mentally handicapped in the community. But the basic philosophy of Camphil, of concentrating on individual potential, remains unshakable. (Cee-fax). Wales: Llangollen 90 8.50 Impressions  
9.00 *M\*A\*S\*H*. The medics of the 407th prepare for an April Fool's Day inspection by a martinet colonel (r)  
9.25 *Mother Love*. The concluding episode with Diana Rigg in her award-winning performance as the avenging wife and possessive mother. A rich slice of old-fashioned melodrama, written by Andrew (A Very Peculiar Practice) Davies (r). (Cee-fax)

10.20 *Fifth Column*. The Canadian lawyer Douglas Christie, who successfully defended a Hungarian accused of war crimes, comments on the government's plans to introduce a war crimes bill in Britain  
10.30 *Newsnight*. Includes an interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Jeremy Paxman reports from Moscow  
11.15 *The Bill Moyers Interview*. The American journalist talks to the Oscar-winning British film producer David Putnam about his experiences in Hollywood



David Putnam on Hollywood life (11.15pm)

- 11.45 *Late Show Special on Soul II Soul* (r) 11.55 *Weather*  
12.00 *Open University: Learning Space*. 12.25am *Open Forum Magazine*. Ends at 12.55

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# Holdsworth steps in as power chief

By MARTIN WALLER

SIR TREVOR Holdsworth, the former head of the engineering group GKN, has been appointed chairman of National Power, the country's biggest generator of electricity.

His appointment, for an initial three-year term, ends an embarrassing hiatus for the group, which has been without a chairman since the abrupt departure of Lord Marshall last year after a public row with the government over its decision not to privatise the nuclear power industry.

Sir Trevor, aged 63, says that despite his other heavy commitments he will work a three- or four-day week at National Power, which is to be privatised next spring as part of the government's sell-off of the power industry.

His commitments include chairmanship of British Satellite Broadcasting and of Allied Colloids and the deputy chairmanship at Prudential Corporation. Sir Trevor can expect a salary of £185,000 from National Power.

Since the departure of Lord Marshall, several people have been suggested as replacements. The first front runner was Sir Peter Walters, then head of BP. Others have included Richard Giordano, head of BOC and a National Power non-executive director, and Sir John Egan, driving force behind the resurgence of the Jaguar motor company

over the last decade. A recent favourite had been Makoolm Bates, managing director of GEC.

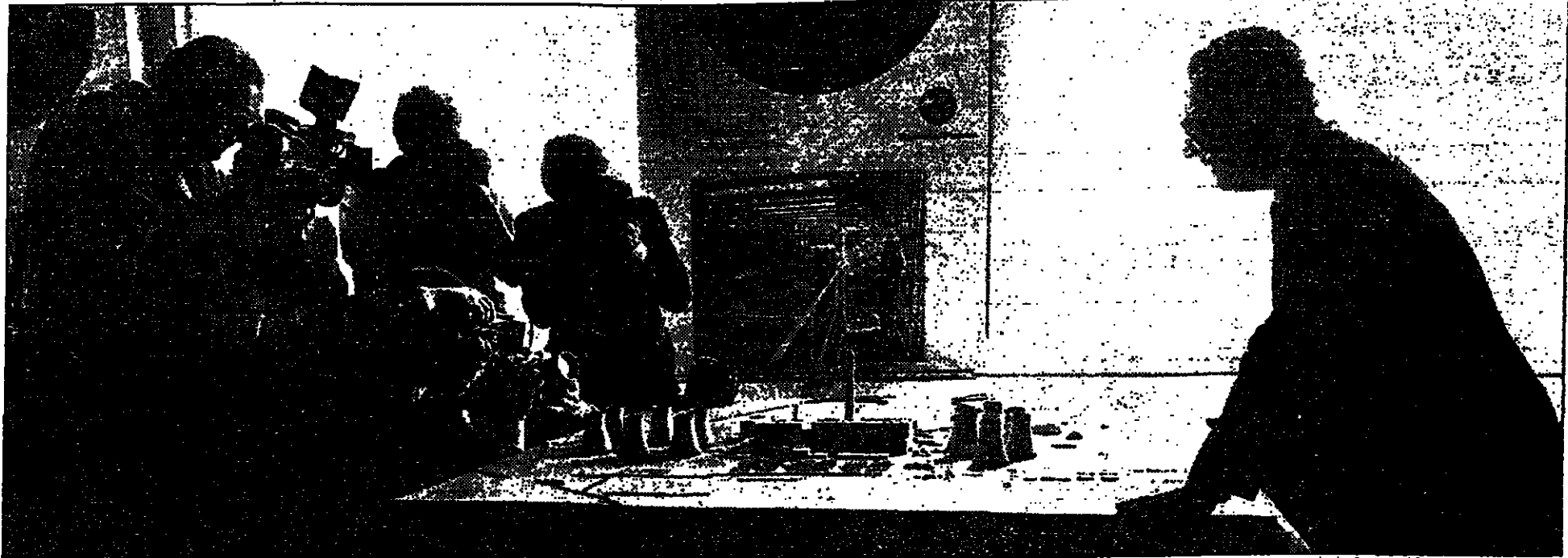
Sir Trevor said that he had first been approached about the job in February but then he had been too busy as president of the Confederation of British Industry.

He has had no direct connection with the electricity industry, though he said: "I'm a manufacturer by background and feeling, and power to me is at the heart of the manufacturing sector."

John Baker, chief executive of National Power, commented: "His guidance and experience will be invaluable to my management team and myself."

Sir Trevor has one clear qualification for the job. National Power, probably best known at the moment for its sponsorship of the World Cup, is also funding next year's world piano competition. Sir Trevor is an accomplished amateur pianist and is already president of the competition.

Yesterday, Mr Baker predicted that National Power would be back in the nuclear power business within 50 years. "There's no credible way through the next half century without it and it will be the electricity companies who will be involved," he said.



Putting the press in the picture: Sir Trevor Holdsworth meets photographers over a model of the Drax power station in Yorkshire, now being modernised.

## Sharp profit collapse at Reed Executive

By OUR CITY STAFF

DIFFICULTIES in the economy and a decision to continue expanding, led to a sharp collapse at Reed Executive, the employment agency.

Pre-tax profits slumped to £5.12 million for the year to end-March after £9.05 million last time, despite a 16 per cent rise in turnover to £139 million. A final dividend of 0.6p cuts the total from 2p to 1.2p.

Alec Reed, the chairman, who controls 65 per cent of the company, said Reed had opened 28 outlets during the year, and had spent £5.8 million on properties.

The second half saw a

slowdown in turnover growth. The group was expecting to open eight to ten outlets in the current year.

Profits in the second half had also slowed, totalling £1.22 million pre-tax.

Difficulties elsewhere in the employment agency sector and Reed's dominant position in the accountancy market meant the group had managed an estimated 10 per cent rise in market share during the year.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd is suggesting pre-tax profits in the current financial year could fall to £2 million.

## Lotus threat prompts fall for Borland

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Borland International were down by 1½ to \$15½ after Lotus Development announced late on Monday that it was suing the company for copyright infringement of its software.

David Bayer, an analyst at Montgomery Securities, said: "Lotus would appear to have the wind at its back," referring to Lotus's win in court against Paperback Software.

However, Mr Bayer said that the Lotus suit against Borland will be more difficult to prove because Borland's Quattro programme does not look like Lotus's 1-2-3 spreadsheet until the user executes a series of procedures.

## Flexible takeover laws urged

By OUR CITY STAFF

PROPOSED European Community laws on takeovers should be made more flexible to enable regulators to defend shareholders' interests properly, Geoffrey Barnett, the director general of the takeover panel, said yesterday.

"We would like to see a general power of waiver written into the directive," Mr Barnett said, adding that each member state should be allowed to give dispensations from individual articles of the proposed directive where to do so best protected investors.

A draft directive on takeover laws is being redrafted by the European Commission and should be released this

month, said Mr Barnett. Member states may then further consider the document.

The commission's intention is for the directive to become law by the time the single European market comes into effect on January 1, 1993. But the EC is trying to put in place a range of legislation on financial services and it may not all be completed by then.

Mr Barnett said the panel feared that without flexibility, regulators would be obliged to observe the letter, not the spirit, of the directive.

This would encourage those involved in a takeover to take legal action to pursue their claims. By delaying the outcome and causing uncertainty, shareholders' interests could

be harmed, said Mr Barnett. He added: "As soon as you allow parties to takeover bids to focus on the letter of the law, they will try to find a way round it. If there is the avenue of litigation open to them, they are bound to pursue that avenue."

The directive, he said, should require anyone obtaining a controlling stake in a company to treat other investors equally by making a bid for the remaining shares.

Under panel rules, a bid for all remaining shares is triggered if 30 per cent or more of the shares are bought. Mr Barnett said the EC-directive is likely to reduce the barriers to takeovers in some member states.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## SIB scheme restricted to private investors

BUSINESS investors will be excluded from the investors' compensation scheme of the Securities and Investments Board from July 15. Since the scheme was introduced in August 1988, business investors, who had their money held in a segregated account, have been protected up to the individual limit of £48,000. The board has issued new rules which limit compensation to private investors.

An official said it was felt that the scheme was designed to protect individuals and not large companies. The scheme, which can pay up to £100 million a year, has taken out an insurance policy to cover the top £75 million. This will reduce the need for any cross-contributions between the self-regulatory organisations when a member firm goes into liquidation. All the regulators will continue to pay an equal share of the running costs.

## Food firm in Far East deal

GRAND Central Investments, the food group with interests in the Asia-Pacific region, is paying £3.6 million for a 24 per cent stake in Sunshine Allied Investments, a Singapore chocolates company. Grand Central suffered a pre-tax loss of £83,000 in the year to end-December, against a profit of £2.01 million last time. The final dividend is being maintained at 1p.

## Birmingham Mint plunges

PRE-TAX profits at Birmingham Mint Group, the electronics and engineering firm, fell from £3.41 million to £208,000 in the year to end-March. Turnover slipped from £44 million to £40.7 million. Earnings per share fell from 20p to 2.5p. The final dividend is 5p, making a total of 5.5p (5p). Operating profits fell from £2.38 million to £962,000.

## Jurys rises by 38%

JURYS Hotel Group increased pre-tax profits by 38 per cent to £13.13 million (£2.89 million) in the year to end-April. A final dividend of 1.3p a share will be paid, making a total 1.5p (1.2p), from earnings per share of 1.2p (1.2p). Turnover rose from £119 million to £122.05 million. A revaluation of Jurys' Irish properties produced a surplus over book value of £136.5 million, resulting in a net asset value per share of £126.7p at year-end. But the group is making provisions of £11.07 million in respect of deferred taxation arising from changes in the Irish taxation regime.

## Bucknall lifts payout 23%

PRE-TAX profits at Bucknall Austin, the quantity surveyor, increased by 27 per cent to £1.55 million in the year to April 30. A final dividend of 3.5p, which will be paid on October 1, gives a total of 4.8p, an increase of 23 per cent. Earnings per share rose by 22 per cent to 14.0p. Turnover climbed by 50 per cent to £20.9 million. Bucknall Austin came to the USM in 1988.

## Bond plans new year-end

BOND Corp Holdings is to change its balance-sheet date from June 30 to September 30. The change also affects all subsidiaries. The National Companies and Securities Commission is checking whether regulatory approval is needed. Bond Corp, whose debt is estimated at about £55 billion (£22.26 billion), lost £575.15 million in the six months to December 31.

## Domino acquisition

DOMINO Printing Sciences, the ink-jet printing specialist, is buying a majority stake in France's Alain Young and all of SCI du Bel Air for a total of Fr20 million. Young is the sole distributor in France of Domino printers and related consumables. SCI du Bel Air owns premises leased to Young. Domino will acquire 76 per cent of Young for Fr5.3 million, plus Fr1.4 million over five years. The 24 per cent left will be subject to a call option for purchase by Domino after July 1995. The companies made Fr4.7 million pre-tax profits in the year to September, with net assets of Fr8.6 million.

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Melody of Moorgate

STRANGE things can happen in the Square Mile, as the City Diary story of the former head of the Oil & Gas, which was sold to a consortium of investors, shows. The story is a tale of intrigue and power, with a twist ending that will leave you guessing.

AFTER official confirmation of the City Diary story, the former head of the Oil & Gas, which was sold to a consortium of investors, has been seen in the company's offices.



# Standing for Nelson Mandela

## COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

Nelson Mandela this morning fits British business into his crowded schedule, and he has a lot of explaining to do. South Africa, short of, but not starved of, foreign investment over decades, needs to attract resources from overseas. Not only money is required: industry and commerce also need managers, machinery and markets. If that were not the case, Mr Mandela would not be seeking the attention of British businessmen. Equally, if there were no interest in investing, the meeting organised by the Confederation of British Industry would not be standing room only.

The two sides are anxious to do business, but between them lies the embarrassment of sanctions and the uncertainty of nationalisation. The sanctions issue is the most difficult to push aside. The CBI and virtually all who sail in her are opposed to trade sanctions against South Africa. Mr Mandela and the African National Congress take the view that sanctions promote change.

If that conflict could be shunted into the sidings, the nationalisation issue is unlikely

to go away. It sits there in the Freedom Charter; Mr Mandela is unlikely to mention it, but it is a powerful disincentive for foreign investors. The ANC has not had the time, nor does it possess the resources, to work out a detailed economic plan. One suggestion is that the ANC put together a star-studded advisory panel to work on the economic planning. Mr Mandela could pull together the best brains in the world: few would refuse to serve, if asked.

Meanwhile, a depressingly familiar pattern is beginning to emerge in business. British companies risk being left outside, not from matters of high principle but from natural caution. Italy and France, supporters of sanctions both, have none the less sent trade ministers to South Africa recently. A Spanish Chamber of Commerce is being set up and West Germany is active. The London Chamber of Commerce did send a trade mission in

February and is planning another for October, but in between the competition is working overtime.

It is unlikely that companies such as Barclays Bank, which left 500 branches behind when it pulled out, will return, although Standard Chartered probably would. Insurance, once an exclusively British preserve, has more than likely been lost for ever.

Shell and British Petroleum have been there throughout and are not likely to be committing fresh funds, not least because it is not clear whether those companies who refused to disinvest might be penalised by an ANC government. De Beers and the Rembrandts are meanwhile setting up offshore

arrangements that look like bolt-holes for cash in times of trouble.

The economy is in poor shape. Anglo American Corporation, the voice of liberal business, sees little if any growth in the economy in the immediate future, and the prospect of a significant rise in unemployment. The gold price is on its back and agriculture had a poor season.

The key to recovery is a return to normal international banking relationships, without which the government will have to follow restrictive economic policies.

These, in themselves, are no invitation to invest, but business nevertheless needs to be ready for the moment when economic and political factors make a return to

South Africa, the commercial platform for the continent, both socially and commercially attractive. If the planning is not set in motion soon, whether or not the British return will be irrelevant.

## Moving up

It would be simple but simplistic to dismiss GEC's expensive forays to acquire Plessey and the Ferranti radar business as so much profitless prosperity. The full-year figures showed that while turnover surged almost a third, progress at the pre-tax level was an apparently pedestrian 9 per cent. But in the short term, forget the quality and feel the width.

Much of the huge increase in turnover arises from low margin joint venture operations, especially in the power generation businesses of GEC Alsthom. GEC's order book took a giant

leap forward, rising no less than 60 per cent to well above £10 billion. The painstaking process of boosting margins from the much lower levels acceptable in electronics industries of continental Europe to the much higher Lord Weinstock variety will inevitably take time.

But the fruits of this exercise, one of the foremost features of Lord Weinstock's cost-crunching style, will be significant in years to come. And with close on 30 per cent of the business now in power generation, there is a great deal of profit to be squeezed out.

Another key pointer to the future was the ruthless treatment given to the Plessey operations acquired with Siemens last year. More than £1 billion of goodwill has been chopped from the balance sheet, cutting shareholders' funds by a breathtaking 22 per cent. This is ultra-conservative stuff and it pleased the market. The likely result of the surgery is that over time some of the provisioning will be released to boost the profit and loss account as Plessey's businesses are whipped into Weinstock shape.

## TEMPUS

## City seeks pep up in Pepe

THE numbers from Pepe, the jeans and leisure wear group, came as no surprise. A profit warning two months ago ensured that everyone knew what to expect.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March fell from £12.7 million to £10.5 million on sales of £136 million, up from £97.5 million. Earnings per share fell from 31.9p to 23.4p. The final dividend is unchanged at 4p, making 6.5p for the year, a rise of 8 per cent.

Sales were added last year at the expense of profits as the group expanded into new markets and the interest charge advanced from £846,000 to £2.98 million. The gearing ratio is about 60 per cent and is unlikely to fall in the short term.

The market in Britain has been particularly poor. Pepe, with a 10 per cent market share, is the second largest jeans group in the country after Levi Strauss. The overseas market accounts for 66 per cent of Pepe's sales and is growing, but the group has been criticised for opening up too many markets at once.

Tony Reading, the managing director, joined the group eight months ago, having previously been at Polly Peck, and has brought in new middle management. The City is expecting him to pep up the group's profits.

Trading overseas is strong, particularly in France, West

Germany and America, while like-for-like sales increases are in double figures. But translating sales into profits has been a problem for Pepe.

Michele Delmain, of BZW, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £13.5 million, putting the shares, unchanged at 155p, on a prospective p/e of 5.4 and making them look cheap. Pepe shares have fallen from 356p in the last 12 months, but last year's results are not the first set of disappointing figures from Pepe and the City may want proof of recovery before rating the shares higher.

## CH Industrials

CH INDUSTRIALS has come to realise that being a conglomerate is not always a barrel of fun. It is cutting unproductive operations, disposing of loss makers, and hoping to arrest the profits decline that has seen pre-tax profits slip from £15.3 million to £11.6 million. Worse, there was an extraordinary charge totalling £9.62 million to make the latest year a far from happy one.

CH's quandary is whether to sell a 23 per cent stake in Manganese Bronze, which would generate £8 million, and take the knife to capital investment, or sweat it out and wait for a recovery.

A final dividend of 3.825p has raised the total from 4.875p to 5.025p, even though

gearing has jumped above the expected 70 per cent to 104 per cent and shareholders' funds have fallen from £58.7 million to £43.6 million.

For the moment, CH will not sacrifice its investment spending, though it promises early action to trim gearing.

Property and investment activities came to the rescue this time, chipping in £3.26 million to help offset weaker automotive, mass transport, office and household product divisions. However, demand will have to improve if serious profits headway is to be made. On present evidence, no more than £12.5 million pre-tax can be expected.

Now that cover has come back from 3.8 to 2.1 times, the profits outlook a year from now will determine whether dividends can be nudged higher or maintained. Meanwhile, at 70p, down 3p, and a prospective p/e of 7, CH is unlikely to be the flavour of the month while demand patterns are weak.

## Newman Tonks

THE jury is staying out in the case of Newman Tonks, the architectural ironmonger, versus its shareholders. Pre-tax profits in the six months to April may have increased by 27 per cent to £11.4 million, but earnings per share rose by only 5 per cent to 8.13p.

Shareholders will have to wait a little longer to discover whether the group's recent acquisition programme is profitable. The prospects do not look that bright.

Yesterday, BZW, the company's own broker, reduced its current-year forecast by more than £3 million to £26 million, a figure that would reduce growth in earnings per share to nil. The company, too, is in cautious mood.

The problems affecting the British building industry are well enough known, but Geoff Gahan, the new chief executive, also pointed out that the American market was looking none too bright.

The benefits of last year's moves into distribution will not come through until next year or even the year after.

All in all, it is a slightly disappointing picture for shareholders who, in February, stamped up £32 million through a one-for-four rights issue. They do have the comfort of net cash in the balance sheet (further increased by this week's completion of the £10 million Gas Controls sale) and a generous yield following the group's rights issue undertaken to maintain dividends at 9.3p a share.

The interim dividend was also unchanged at 3.8p. The total dividend does give a prospective net yield of 5.5 per cent. But, at 170p, the shares look fully valued on a p/e of 10.2 in the absence of a bid.

## Venture firms show greater resistance to debt attack

ALAN WELLER



Avoiding the corporate sick-list: David Marlow of 3i

CONFLICTING signals about the health of corporate Britain are starting to appear from the financial institutions. If the rise in bad debt provisions from banks such as the TSB are to be believed, the combination of a 15 per cent base rate and falling property prices has given corporate debtors a heart attack.

But results from 3i Group, the *sine qua non* of smaller company investment, suggest it is just a case of mild angina.

Conventional wisdom has it that when the economy suffers from high interest rates, the venture capital industry collapses. Management buyouts, buy-ins, start-up companies and rescue situations are by nature more highly geared and prone to cash flow downturns than more stable competitors.

Venture capitalists take pains to emphasise theirs is a risk business. The industry-wide target of a 20 per cent annual return, well above more staid investment media, is witness to the danger that one day the buyout bandwagon could run off a cliff. Some commentators predicted 1990 was the year it would happen, backed up by a succession of high-profile companies that have gone bust or returned to their bankers, cap in hand.

3i seems not to have listened to the tales of doom. The doubling in the group's provisions against investment failures to £80 million in the year to end-March was inevitable, and left pre-tax profits static at £157 million.

However, in the context of the group's overall £2.52 billion portfolio, invested in 4,126 companies, the write-off is negligible. Most of the failures occur in its smallest investments. 3i, where David Marlow is chief executive, mercifully avoided taking stakes in the largest names on the corporate sick-list, including Magnet and Lowndes Queensway, although it does have an interest in Isoceles.

Like the figures, Sir John Cuckney, 3i's chairman, was muted rather than doleful. "Although we see signs of hesitation and deferment of capital projects," he wrote, "the demand for capital has continued unabated. This, de-

spite the reduced appetite for large-scale MBOs."

The group's strengths are both its size and its investment policy. 3i accounts for almost a third of Britain's venture capital funding, and can normally take the pick of investment opportunities.

International expansion is

also beginning to bring a degree of diversity. 3i has £217 million invested overseas, 11 per cent of the total. With new offices in Milan and Madrid, the move is gathering pace.

A third of 3i's investments are worth less than £500,000. Smaller lenders do not have the resources to make this

number of small investments, and prefer to set a minimum £1 million-£2 million, while relying on the largest MBOs to fill up their portfolio, leaving them more exposed to a downturn in a few companies.

But even the smaller funds are proving more resilient than expected. They have reason to bless the Swedes for this; while all have suffered from the increases in corporate failures, the £1.05 billion takeover of Redpack by Svenska Cellulosa and Gamlestadens acquisition of Bricom for £338 million have provided more than enough profit to cover them. 3i's stake in Redpack, for example, is on the books at £16 million, but is being realised at £40 million.

"It's not likely there are going to be to be any major buyouts this year," said Gus Guest, a director at Prudential Venture Managers. "There will be quite a few medium-sized deals, depending on the appetite of the banks. But most of all we need to look after our existing portfolio."

For many funds the problem is net redemptions this year. The lack of large buyouts and the problem in finding debt finance for many smaller deals is producing a dearth of sizeable investment opportunities in an over-funded sector. Last year, while funds had £5 billion invested, they had a further £4 billion committed.

This may increase friction between investors and their fund managers. Many funds are charging their 2 per cent commission on the amount committed, rather than the amount invested. Thus some institutional investors have to pay a 6 per cent fee, hard to justify to even the most understanding board of trustees.

There is no easy answer to why venture capitalists appear relatively unharmed by the corporate failures hurting the banks. The fund managers would claim it was their own skill that protected them. Perhaps the real situation is being masked by funds, which do not have to produce a warts-and-all balance sheet every six months. For now, the patient seems comfortable.

Neil Bennett

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Melody of Moorgate

STRANGE things can happen in the Square Mile, as David Parions, former boss of Richmond Oil & Gas, will testify. Parions, aged 49, who turned Richmond from a worthless shell in 1987 into a company now worth almost £120 million, has established a reputation as a wheeler dealer. He sold his interest in Richmond last year and is now building up another company, Texas Oil and Gas, which he hopes to bring to market in two years. But the idea for his most recent venture struck him, almost literally, as he was walking along Moorgate with three friends. A stranger tapped him on the shoulder. "I felt these long finger nails and turned to see a gorgeous young girl who asked if I could get her a job," says Parions, who did just that. This was three years ago and the girl, Rosie Ania, is about to release a debut single called *Eyes of a Woman*, which Parions says will be a hit. Ania has been signed by Island Records, with Parions as her manager. Clearly enjoying himself, he has been busy organising press interviews and has arranged for her to make her first appearance on Friday the 13th.

AFTER official confirmation of the City Diary story that Banque Indosuez was acquiring the Kitcat & Aitken name and some of its redundant personnel, the company yes-

terday said the entire UK division of its other broking operation, W I Carr, will now be known as Carr Kitcat & Aitken. It has recruited 24 ex-Kitcat senior salesmen, analysts and dealers and the co-chairmen of the new division will be David Stirling, former senior partner of Galloway & Pearson and hitherto a director of W I Carr (UK), and Peter Nuttall, Kitcat's senior partner and managing director.

### Seconds out

ONE shareholder at the Sears annual meeting at London's Marriott Hotel yesterday wanted to know why none of the resolutions put to the meeting had been seconded. Sears chairman Geoffrey Maitland Smith replied that they stopped seconding resolutions three years ago. The reason he gave was that

when, in the past, they had held annual meetings at the Selfridge Hotel, the platform on which the directors sat was so narrow that if two of them stood up at once it would tip up and they would all fall backwards.

### Pinkney puts 'em in

THE World Cup fever gripping the City inspired two dealing teams to take to the turf on Monday night. The clash was between old rivals BZW and Smith New Court, who traded dealing screens for the less familiar surroundings of Southwark Park in South London. BZW won 2-1, with both goals from textiles dealer Mike "Schillaci" Pinkney, nicknamed in honour of the Italian striker. Also making himself useful was stores market-maker Alan "Captain" Bristow, who doubled up as goalkeeper for the occasion. "It was a very social gathering and we all went on to the pub afterwards," says one BZW player, adding that there were no hard feelings after the game. "It was nice to beat them though."

### Leeds fans

THE warm welcome given to the Cameroon team when they return home from the World Cup will be nothing compared with the cheering that has been going on in a certain Yorkshire factory. For although they have finally been defeated, their popularity has provided an unexpected bonus for Subutco, the table-top soccer game manufactured by the Leeds company John

Waddington. Sales of the game have soared since the team - dubbed 'the Indomitable Lions' by friends and foes alike - made its spectacular debut in the competition. Marketing manager David James describes sales as "phenomenal". Especially popular have been the sets of players wearing Cameroon's colourful colours - green shirts, red shorts and yellow socks. More than 2,000 Cameroon "teams" have already been sold.

### Long break

ANDREW Hugh Smith will soon have a different but no less familiar face to help him in his task as chairman of the Stock Exchange. Ian Salter, of Société Générale Srauss Turnbull, the newly-elected deputy chairman, due to assume the position next month, is, however, far removed from the traditional establishment choice. For Salter, aged 47, hails from Tasmania and knew little about the Square Mile before he arrived in London 22 years ago, despite a brief spell on the Hobart stock exchange. "I came over on a working holiday and just stayed," says Salter, who admits that colleagues still tease him about his antipodean roots. But he has since more than made up for it. Salter joined the Stock Exchange council ten years ago and in 1984 he became the first stockbroker to be appointed by the DIT as an inspector on a company enquiry.

Carol Leonard

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8	Watnough	Paper/Print/Adv	
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11	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
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13	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
14	British Gas (aa)	Oil/Gas	
15	Wessex Water	Water	
16	Calsonic	Transport	
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27	Klein-EZ	Industrials A-D	
28	Morgan Cole	Industrials L-R	
29	Argyll (aa)	Food	
30	Leigh	Chemicals/Plas	
31	Truvelar H (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
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34	Eurochem	Chemicals/Plas	
35	Clifford Foods 'A'	Food	
36	Bec Data Process	Electricals	
37	SA Breweries	Breweries	
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## STOCK MARKET

● Tokyo — The Nikkei average was up 254.37 to 32,414.60. (Reuters)

## Burton slides to low after badly-handled selling order

**BUDGENS:**  
shares hit by  
profits warning

FTSE All share price index (Rebased)

Share price

Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul

140  
130  
120  
110  
100  
90  
80  
70  
60  
50

**Berisford fell 9p to 91p — making a two-day loss of 21p — ahead of figures due tomorrow and on further reflection of sugar producer Tate & Lyle's decision not to launch a bid.**

## ALPHA STOCKS

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## WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (%)	Yearly ch'ge (%)	Daily ch'ge (%)	Yearly ch'ge (%)	Daily ch'ge (US\$)	Yearly ch'ge (US\$)
The World	709.0	-0.5	-15.9	0.3	-7.2	0.2	-5.7
(free)	135.3	-0.5	-16.1	0.2	-7.4	0.2	-7.7
EAPE	1243.4	-0.6	-20.1	0.0	-11.9	0.1	-12.2
(free)	72.5	-0.6	-20.4	-0.1	-12.3	0.1	-12.2
Europe	147.6	0.3	-2.4	0.0	1.0	0.4	7.1
(free)	159.4	-0.4	-2.5	-0.3	0.5	0.3	7.1
Nth America	497.2	-0.4	-7.6	0.3	1.6	0.3	1.8
Nordic	1552.3	0.3	-0.2	0.4	5.8	0.4	6.6
(free)	245.0	-0.2	4.6	0.5	10.8	0.5	14.9
Pacific	2777.0	-0.8	-30.0	0.0	-19.5	-0.1	-23.1
Far East	4016.8	-0.8	-30.0	0.0	-20.0	-0.1	-25.7
Australia	300.3	0.5	-13.5	1.2	-5.9	1.1	-6.8
Austria	1856.2	0.6	24.9	1.3	33.3	1.3	32.2
Belgium	866.8	-0.8	-17.0	0.1	7.7	0.1	3.3
Canada	492.7	-0.2	-11.9	0.5	-9.4	0.5	2.8
Denmark	1286.7	-0.2	-17.3	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.8
Finland	90.8	-0.6	-21.3	-0.2	-17.0	-0.1	-13.5
(free)	135.0	-0.2	-9.4	0.4	-4.5	0.6	-0.6
France	767.3	-0.5	-6.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	4.2
Germany	918.8	-0.7	-6.1	-0.1	7.4	0.0	9.8
Hong Kong	2411.8	0.4	8.7	1.1	19.2	1.1	19.4
Italy	375.5	-1.1	-2.6	-0.7	2.5	-0.4	7.0
Japan	4214.9	-0.9	-31.7	0.0	-21.0	-0.1	-24.9
Netherlands	844.3	-0.4	-10.7	0.1	-4.3	0.3	-6.9
New Zealand	85.3	-0.4	-17.3	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Norway	1431.9	-0.8	8.2	-0.2	14.6	-0.1	18.3
(free)	251.0	-1.0	8.2	-0.4	13.9	-0.3	16.0
Sing/Malay	1899.4	-0.7	-4.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	4.6
Spain	292.1	-1.7	-5.4	0.0	-3.6	0.3	0.9
Sweden	1901.8	0.1	2.7	0.8	9.4	0.8	12.6
Switzerland	269.1	0.6	11.2	1.3	18.4	1.3	22.1
(free)	947.3	0.6	3.6	0.9	3.2	1.3	13.8
USA	142.1	0.5	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	11.3
UK	706.2	-0.2	-2.1	-0.2	-2.1	0.5	7.9
USA	451.0	-0.4	-6.7	0.3	2.5	0.3	2.5

## RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES				
Abstract New Euro (100p)	100	-1	Midland Radio	136
Adams Resources	25	-	Nthn. Investors	501
Agden Haulage	100	-	Pitmancraft	125-4
Buckingham New	86	-	Prontus Int	26-2
Cashif Mfg (50p)	54	+1	US Hedges	100
Castle Hill (50p)	54	+1	Stam Select (100p)	152
Castle Hill (50p)	54	+1	Sunday & Carlisle (100p)	126-9
Courtside Textiles	278	+3	Utd London	100
Dorchester Inv Tst (100p)	98	+1	Venturi Inv Tst	10
First Java Tst	87	-1	Wig Tpe App	238-1
First Ireland (100p)	87	-1		
Flamingo Euro IT	98	-		
French Prop Tst	98	-		
German IT	89	-		
Henderson Highland (100p)	100	-		
Invergorrdon	100	-		
Leading La New	114	-2		
Lavacraft	114	-2		
M & W Pte	84	-		
Malaysia Capital	100	-		
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See main listing for further details

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

Arncliffe N/P 17  
Caldwell N/P 17  
Cater Allen N/P 27-28  
EW Food N/P 28  
Expelco N/P 2  
Nimbin N/P 2

(Issue price in brackets)

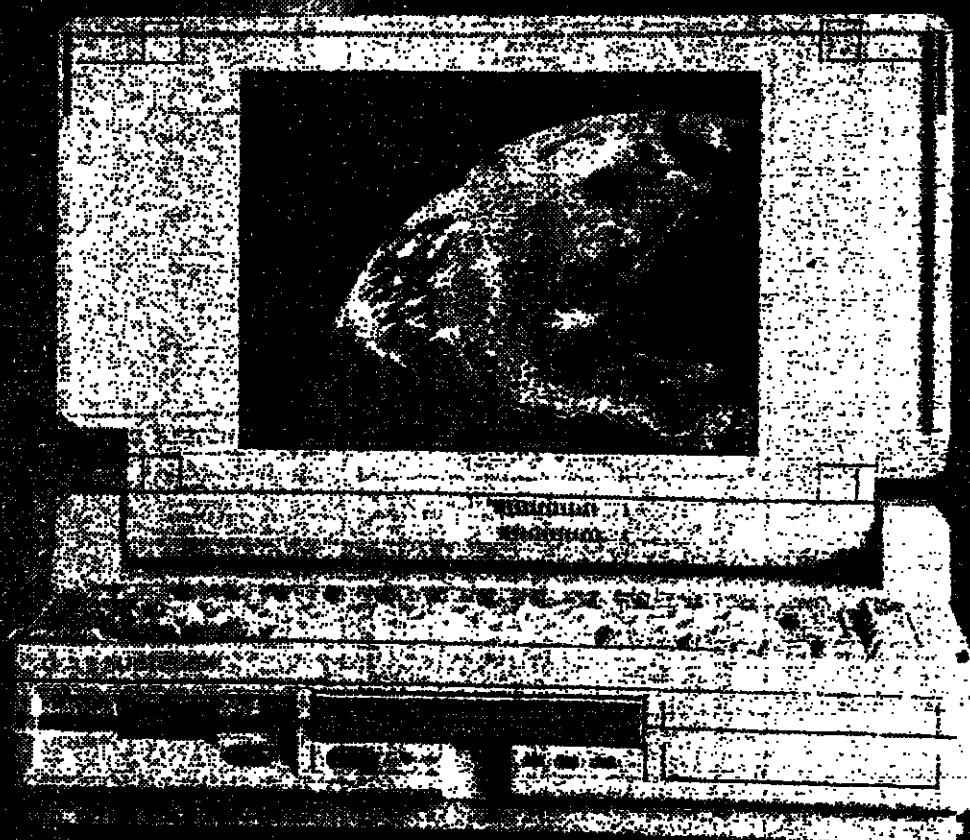
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New York:		RISSE:	
Dow Jones:	2908.90 (+10.64)	Lanthe	2801sp (+7tp)
Tokyo:		Bear	785sp (-1sp)
Nikkei Average:	32414.60 (+254.37)	News Corp.	532sp (+1 sp)
Hong Kong:		Burnhat	2430sp (+150)
Hang Seng:	3356.55 (+37.08)	Gf Wietlam Res	646tp (-1tp)
CBS Tendency:	121.5 (same)	Ultramar	3414sp (-7sp)
Sydney: AO	1512.8 (+16.2)	A&S Food	40Ewap (+4sp)
Frankfurt: DAX	106.26 (+3.27)		
Brussels:		FALLS:	
Cancels:	6281.82 (-4.59)	Alcan	3737sp (-1 tp)
Paris: CAC	543.99 (+1.91)	Budgens	60p (-1sp)
Toronto: S&P Gen	670.8 (+1.8)	Bernford Int	91p (-3sp)
London:		Glyndw	230sp (-12sp)
FT—A-A Share	1169.35 (-0.80)	Hawker Siddeley	583sp (-170)
FT—"500"	1294.98 (-0.82)	Alcoa	255sp (-10sp)
FT: General Index	1811.3 (-0.14)	BOC	263sp (-10sp)
FT: FTSE 100	88.05 (-0.14)	H Barrett	225p (-20p)
FT: Govt Secs	79.39 (-0.14)	Chemung	390p (-10p)
Bargains	23623	First Nat Fin	195p (-10p)
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Bargains:	23623	First Nat Fin	195p (-2sp)
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# British property high on the shopping list

The increasing pace and extent of the Japanese invasion of Europe are disclosed in a report by the chartered accountants, Clark Whitehill. Japanese investment in European property almost doubled from 1988 to 1989, bringing the total to £6 billion as the largest investors have diversified into western European commercial centres.

From a minimal presence in European property markets five years ago, cumulative Japanese investment has reached £4 billion in the United Kingdom, £1.4 billion in France, £340 million in West Germany and £200 million in Spain, according to the report, which claims to be the first comprehensive study of Japanese investment in Europe.

Commenting on the findings, Dr Brian Ing, of Clark Whitehill, says Japanese investors are seeking to diversify their asset bases in anticipation of a unified European market in 1992. "Investment patterns parallel Japanese entry into US real estate, with the focus on the purchase of high-quality office projects in important metropolitan areas, such as central London, Paris and Frankfurt," he says. "If that pattern continues, we will see significant increases in the flow of Japanese capital to European property markets in the next couple of years. European markets offer stable and low risk investments with prime office projects available to buyers."

## Japanese investment in Europe is on the increase, despite current caution

Total European real estate assets owned by the Japanese amount to about 12 per cent of its investment in US property markets, which now totals £35.43 billion, says the US affiliate of Clark Whitehill, Kenneth Leventhal & Company, which has undertaken a similar study in America.

The European study shows that the bulk of investment has been made in the United Kingdom, predominantly prime office property in the London metropolitan area. In 1989, London attracted nearly £1.7 billion worth of investment from a total of £1.8 billion, giving it a higher sum than both New York and Los Angeles. The UK accounted for 61 per cent of the total investment, compared with 67 per cent over the period 1985-89, while investment increased as a proportion in the other three countries.

Of the investment in 1989, 88 per cent was in office buildings, and the year saw the emergence of Japanese life insurance companies acquiring trophy properties in the City of London. Japanese purchases in London included the old Daily Express building in Fleet

Street, the Post Office site at St Martin le Grand and River Plate House in Finsbury Circus.

The growth in investment in the UK for 1989, which showed an increase from £1.1 billion in 1988 to £1.8 billion, "although significant, is not such a dramatic increase as for Europe as a whole", Clark Whitehill says. That is because Japanese investors had been buying in the UK for the previous four years, with the appreciation of the yen against sterling encouraging Japanese investment.

During the same period, Japanese bank lending on UK property has soared. Lending in early 1985 was £61 million, but by November 1989 the figure had increased to £4.3 billion.

Investment in France increased last year by £791 million to £1.4 billion, and was centred on Paris. The location of investment has not been focused only on the central business district because it presents limited opportunities. Investment has spread to other areas, including La Defense, the business district west of the city, where rents are lower than in the centre of Paris and the properties are more suited to modern business requirements than the old properties in the city.

In West Germany, the Japanese invested £243 million in 1989, bringing its total to an estimated £340 million, of which a substantial proportion is in Frankfurt, where a number of Japanese banks



Work is under way on Rose Court, the 157,250 sq ft office development on the south bank of the Thames which will incorporate an area displaying the remains of Shakespeare's Rose Theatre. The building, near Southwark Bridge, London SE1, looks across the river to Cannon Street station. The scheme, by Imry Merchant Developers and Postel Properties, has been designed by Seifert, and the building will have air-conditioning, raised floors and a marble-lined, double height entrance hall. Rose Court is due for completion in summer 1991, and the joint letting agents, Knight Frank & Rutley, Jones Lang Wootton and Sinclair Goldsmith, report keen interest. No rents are being quoted, but the agents say Rose Court has the added attraction of a low business rate liability, estimated at about £12.25 per sq ft per annum.

want to set up offices. The investment includes the Messeturm, an office development which will be the tallest building in Europe when completed.

Madrid, Barcelona and the Costa del Sol have attracted Japanese investment to Spain. As in the US, investment has con-

centrated on high-quality resort and hotel properties as well as prime office space. The Olympic Games to be staged in Barcelona in 1992 are likely to prompt further investment.

The report says the slump in the London commercial property market has slowed down the growth in Japanese investment

this year, although the Japanese remain well placed to take advantage of any cut rate investment opportunities. The depreciation of the yen and the fall in the Tokyo stock exchange have also led to caution, but the Japanese are likely to take a long-term view and continue to invest in Europe, the experts say.

## IN THE MARKET

In one of the year's more unusual transactions, the agent Drivers Jones has been instructed by the Purfleet Deep Wharf and Storage Company to dispose of a working deep water port at Purfleet and Erith on the Thames. The port has nearly 1 million sq ft of storage space on 50 acres, plus a jettty frontage, and is situated next to the Dartford tunnel and bridge. It is being marketed as a working port and the agent says it will be of interest to distributors in the UK and the Continent.

ITN's new headquarters at 200 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1, designed by Norman Foster Associates and occupying the old site of The Sunday Times, has come on the rental market. It is the first commercial building in central London by Sir Norman Foster, knighted in this year's Queen's birthday honours list, who is better known for his work abroad, including the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank in Hong Kong. The lower floors of the building, which has a ten-storey atrium and makes full use of clear glass, will contain ITN's studios and offices, and the upper floors are being let by the agent Goodman Mann.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society has gone against the present cautious institutional investment property market trend by purchasing the freehold of Kempson House in Camomile Street, London EC3, from Land Securities for more than £23 million. Kempson House, with 55,000 sq ft, is let to solicitors Norton Rose, and gives Scottish Amicable a prominent City holding at the junction of Bishopsgate and London Wall, since it also owns the adjoining Bishopsgate.

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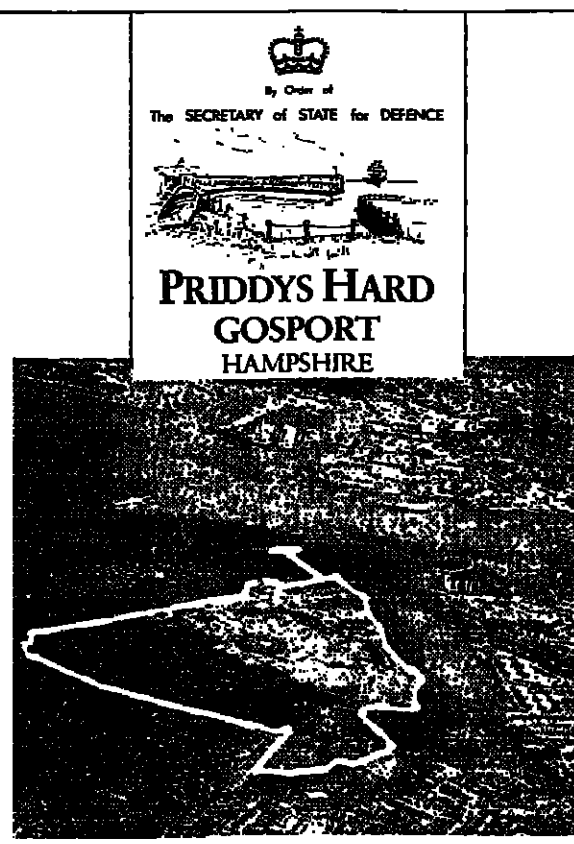
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Almost everything lies in favour of the West Germans as they prepare for their World Cup semi-final against England

# Robson paints frightening picture of rivals

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, TURIN

THE World Cup semi-final here tonight features West Germany against England, the masters against the novices, the efficient against the spirited, the practised against the spontaneous. Logically, it should be a mismatch. In reality, it could remain as balanced as finely tuned scales.

Almost everything lies in favour of the Germans. Few disagree with Bobby Robson's assessment that they are "the most impressive team in the tournament." They are more or less at home since they were based in nearby Milan and have since remained exclusively in the north.

They have only one injury problem, they have not yet been pushed into extra time, they have the support of local neutrals (since three of the players represented Inter Milan) and, above all, they are accustomed to the big stage. Indeed, tonight they will set two new World Cup records.

They are about to enter their 67th tie, surpassing the mark which was set by Brazil, and their ninth semi-final. As if the evidence and the statistics were not convincing enough, Robson yesterday painted a picture of the Germans which was frightening when seen through English eyes.

"They are strong in all three departments," he said. "Their defence is water-tight, their midfield is as good as any in the world and their attack is a threat on the ground and in the air. They are fractionally ahead of Italy because they take the game to the opposition."

Those who imagine that England and their manager are already mentally waving a white flag should reflect on the side's progress so far. They would not be here but for an indomitable belief in them-

## TEAMS FOR THE SEMI-FINAL

**ENGLAND**  
(probable) 3-5-2  
1, P. Shilton (Derby County)  
5, D. Walker (Nottingham Forest)  
12, P. Parker (QPR)  
20, T. Steven (Glasgow Rangers)  
19, P. Gascoigne (Tottenham Hot)  
16, S. McMahon (Liverpool)  
17, D. Platt (Aston Villa)  
18, S. Pearce (Nottingham Forest)  
8, C. Waddle (Middlesbrough)  
10, G. Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur)

● Franz Beckenbauer played 50 times against England, a record for a non-British player. Uwe Seeler played in the 1954 and 1970 matches, a record span for a non-British player against England.

● Three World Cup managers have played for West Germany against England: Beckenbauer, Jupp Derwall and the Denmark coach, Sepp Piontek.

● Robert Schuster, who won his last cap in the 1956 game, had only one arm, Holger Hieronymus.

## WEST GERMANY

(probable) 4-2-2  
1, B. Winger (Cologne)  
14, T. Berthold (Roma)  
4, J. Kohler (Bayern Munich)  
5, K. Augenthaler (Bayern Munich)  
6, G. Buchwald (Stuttgart)  
15, U. Bein (Eintracht Frankfurt)  
10, L. Mathaus (Inter Milan)  
8, T. Hassler (Cologne)  
3, A. Brehme (Inter Milan)  
18, J. Klinsmann (Inter Milan)  
9, R. Voller (Roma)

who won his last in the 1982 World Cup match, had only one good eye.

● When Geoff Hurst played his first game for England, and his last, and scored the only treble in a World Cup final, the opposition was West Germany in each case.

● Peter Shilton saved Andreas Brehme's penalty in the 1986 match.

● Neil Webb, who made his international debut in the 1987 match, was the 1,000th player to be capped by England.

suddenly become the centre of media attraction. "We've not had this amount of attention before."

His line-up, as usual, is a closely guarded secret but he cannot unveil it even in his own mind until he has received the medical reports. If the tests follow a predictable course, he must decide whether he should be ruled by his head or by his heart.

His head will tell him that Parker, a giant in extra-time against Cameroon, should remain as a central defender with Walker. If so, Steven, who looked so secure and imaginative on the right flank, can be retained there. But, to accommodate them, he would have to omit Butcher.

His heart would tell him to keep faith in "the Big Un", as Butcher is affectionately known within the squad. "He is my captain, my most trustworthy player and I've known him since he was 15." Yet he could be a liability against the speed of the German front line.

In the probable absence of

Barnes, Robson may be tempted to reinforce his mid-field by recalling McMahon. His presence would allow Platt and Gascoigne more freedom to join Waddle in support of Lineker. Yet the most dangerous gamble would be to select Wright, who has six stitches in his left eyebrow.

Although he could play with a protective bandage, the England manager knows that the wound could split open as soon as Wright is involved in an aerial collision. "I'll have to consider whether that is a risk worth taking." The sweeper himself has no reservations about his availability.

He and his colleagues are ready to take their place in history as the only England team ever to reach the last four of a World Cup on foreign soil. Shilton spoke for them when he described tonight's affair as "every footballer's dream". But Parker has had visions of a nightmare.

"I've seen the Germans, but I don't like doing it because they've gone so well," he said. "If you watch too much of them, you might start thinking they are super-human. But it would be difficult for any team to maintain that form for seven matches."

The Germans, though, have maintained that form across 24 years. Only once have they failed to reach the World Cup final since 1966 when Franz Beckenbauer was patrolling their midfield. As he approaches his retirement as a manager, he stated that "everybody is expecting a final between us and Italy".

He said: "That is natural because we have played the best football. But it has already been shown in this tournament that the teams playing the best football do not always win."

England's spirit may be irrepressible but, on this occasion, that may not be enough.



Game of words: Robson, the England manager, is besieged by newsmen seeking his views on tonight's semi-final

## SEMI-FINAL FORM GUIDE

### ENGLAND v WEST GERMANY

Date	Venue	Result
Dec 1, 1954	Wembley	England 3, West Germany 1
May 26, 1958	Berlin	England 3, West Germany 1
May 12, 1958	Nuremberg	England 1, West Germany 0
Feb 23, 1966	Wembley	England 1, West Germany 0
July 30, 1966	Wembley	England 4, West Germany 2 (aet)
June 14, 1968	Handover	England 0, West Germany 1
June 14, 1970	Leon (Mex)	England 2, West Germany 3 (aet)
Apr 29, 1972	Wembley	England 1, West Germany 3
May 15, 1972	West Berlin	England 0, West Germany 0
Mar 12, 1975	Wembley	England 2, West Germany 0
Feb 22, 1978	Munich	England 1, West Germany 0
June 29, 1982	Madrid	England 0, West Germany 2
Oct 13, 1982	Wembley	England 1, West Germany 2
June 12, 1985	Mexico City	England 3, West Germany 2
Sept 9, 1987	Düsseldorf	England 1, West Germany 3

Key: F: Friendly; WCF: World Cup final; EC: European championship (q-f denotes quarter-finals); 1972 matches were played over two legs.

## Wright is the referee

JOSE Ramiz Wright, of Brazil, will referee England's World Cup semi-final against West Germany tonight. Joel Quiniou, of France, and Armando Perez Hoos, of Colombia will run the lines.

The match will be the fourth that Wright has handled during the finals. He refereed the first-round matches between Italy and Austria and the Soviet Union and Cameroon, and also the second-round match between Republic of Ireland and Romania.

Four England players, Paul Gascoigne, Steve McMahon, Peter Beardsley and Stuart Pearce, will be treading carefully

as they have been booked once and would miss the final if booked a second time. Lothar Matthaus, Thomas Berthold, and Jurgen Klinsmann, of West Germany, also stand on one yellow card.

Wright is not expected to referee the final even if he has an outstanding match tonight. Only in the first World Cup in Uruguay has a semi-final referee taken charge of the final.

PLAYERS ON ONE BOOKING: England: Beardsley, Gascoigne, McMahon, Pearce, West Germany: Klinsmann, Berthold, Klinsmann, Italy: Baggio, De Ascanio, Fari, Argentina: Goicoechea, Guisti, Sensi, Batista, Burruchaga, Maradona, Caniggia, Sarmiento, Simon, Ojeda, Tropea.

## Beckenbauer prefers to face England

FRANZ Beckenbauer admitted yesterday that West Germany were relieved to be facing England in the World Cup semi-finals. The West German manager said he had been worried about how to counter Cameroon's unpredictability. "I'm glad England are our opponents, not that they are weaker than Cameroon, but we know them better," Beckenbauer added. "We respect England very much. I'm sure we'd have had the same problems [as England] against Cameroon because they can be a very uncomfortable team. It's difficult to get to grips with Cameroon because we Europeans

aren't used to it. It's much easier for us to be facing England."

Beckenbauer said that today's match in Turin had all the makings of one of football's great occasions. "Germany-England is a classic. There are no motivational problems there. We must play with full concentration for 90 minutes."

As a player, Beckenbauer experienced classic duels between the countries. He was a newcomer in England's 4-2-3-1 formation in the 1966 World Cup and gained revenge when West Germany won 3-2 in the quarter-finals in Mexico in 1970.

"England are a country with

one of the richest football traditions in the world and nothing has changed. They are still a great football nation."

Strengthening his side after a one-match suspension is Rudi Voller. "Rudi is one of the best strikers in the world at the moment," not the best," Beckenbauer said.

While Jurgen Klinsmann is the most exciting of West Germany's forwards, Voller, who has three goals to his name so far in Italy, is the team's most consistently dangerous forward. The Roma-based player oozes aggressive confidence and is sure to pose a big threat to England. Against Czechoslovakia, Germany seemed to

find his pace, quick thinking and aggression as they tried to increase their half-time lead. "Of course, we missed him and I hope he will make difference against England," Beckenbauer said.

As he enters his 30s Voller is aware that this is probably his last chance to win the World Cup. He believes the Germans will need to keep the ball on the ground to upset England's central defence. "We must play fast from now. We won't get so many chances in the air so we will have to keep the game more on the ground."

## Only the best is good enough

for a critical Italian public

From KEN SHULMAN IN FLORENCE

IF THEY win, when they win, "were better that it be done perfectly—because in Italy, if football, nothing less than perfect will do."

The Italian national team is subject to the most intense media and supporter scrutiny in the world. Four daily television programmes, three sports daily papers, and the pages of countless newspapers are filled with armchair managers, desk-chair midfield players, and chaise-longue strategists who dissect each decision made by the Italian manager, Azzurri Vicini, in order to analyse it from every possible angle.

Unlike many other national teams, who can count on constant loyalty from their supporters, the "Azzurri" are Italy's team only when they win. The supporters and journalists do not vanish when the team falters: they are instantly transformed into sardonic detractors.

Just one month ago, Italy were roundly booed after their scoreless draw against Greece in an international. The nation of analysts discounted the team, some even taking a sadistic pleasure in predicting a first, or at best, a second-round exit in the World Cup finals themselves.

However, the team has since put together five consecutive victories in the finals, scoring seven goals and conceding none. The national flag has appeared all over the country's cities like mushrooms after a spring rain. Northern centres, such as Milan or Bologna, which are normally chilly if not hostile towards "immigrants" from

the south, chant hymns in honour of Salvatore Schillaci, who comes from Sicily. Yet the colony of critics perseveres, as stubborn and immovable as an army of bureaucrats.

"This Italy certainly has demonstrated that its defence is by far the best in the world," Aldo Biscardi, the host of the nightly "World Cup on Trial" programme on Italy's state-owned RAI-TV, said, ten minutes after the team had advanced into the semi-finals with a 1-0 win over the Republic of Ireland on Saturday night.

"But so far, things have always gone Italy's way," he went on. "One wonders what would happen should the team happen to fall behind. Would they have the strength of character to rally? And doesn't it seem that this team just doesn't score enough goals?"

The Italian media resembles a jury of gymnastics judges scoring a bar exercise far more than it does a partisan football press. With odd, this fanatical fault-finding can be explained.

Although Vicini has declared from the outset of the tournament that he would be satisfied with Italy reaching the semi-finals, it was transparently clear that anything less than a fourth World Cup victory (preferably earned in an Italy v West Germany final) would read as a sour-ending in the made-for-television tournament screenplay.

One often gets the feeling that the Italian media is trying to ward off the evil eye with its

## Anthem of praise from Pavarotti

NOTHING can separate England and West Germany, the leading tenor, in the important matter of national anthems.

Pavarotti, who has topped the English music charts with his version of the Italian national anthem, was asked to judge the anthems of the eight quarter-finalists.

"For me, all the anthems are beautiful," he said. "They still move me emotionally because of the patriotic and lyrical elements which I still feel when I see the players singing. But musically, the English and German anthems have something extra. Perhaps it's because of their noble origins, or the way they are covered in the dust of ages, but certainly they have a fascination that no other anthem among these eight can boast."

## Bossy Rossi

PAOLO Rossi, whose goals took Italy to victory in the 1982 World Cup, led Europe to a 10-7 victory over the Americas by scoring four times in the charity match between past greats before 8,000 spectators in Rome on Tuesday evening. Bobby Charlton crashed home a penalty.

## Shopping list

ITALIAN clubs have made rich pickings from the pool of the world's leading footballers. The latest captures are Tomas Skuhravy, of Czechoslovakia, signed by Genoa, and Rafael Martin Vazquez, of Spain, signed by Torino.

## Winning hug

LOTHAR Matthaus, the West Germany midfielder player, plans to show off a World Cup winners' medal to the grandfather he has not seen for ten years. Matthaus's grandfather, Joseph, lives in Magdeburg, East Germany. "I hope to hug

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my grandfather soon," he said. "I'll do it right after the World Cup before going on vacation. I really look forward to this meeting and all my family will be there. I want to show him my daughters, Alisa and Viola, and my wife Silvia."

## Gone fishing

READERS of the Irish Press are backing a campaign for the building of a national stadium to be called Charlton Park. The alternative may appeal to Saint Jack even more: a licence to fish every river in Ireland at any time of the year for the rest of his life. The Republic's manager is recovering from the rigours of the World Cup campaign with rod and line in the west of Ireland.

## Pasta best

THE West Germans, as always, are learning fast. The team physician, Franz Liesen, is advocating the Italian method of marching to the World Cup final on pasta-filled bellies. He said the players ate too much meat and too little pasta before the quarter-final match with Czechoslovakia, causing a carbohydrate deficiency and loss of energy in the second half. "At the end of the game, I injected vitamins in each player so they could regain balance," Liesen said.

## The £5m book

BRITAIN'S bookmakers are preparing to hit the jackpot on tonight's World Cup semi-final. They calculate the England-West Germany match will take them through the £5 million mark for the first time for a single football match.

WALTER GAMMIE

## THE PATH TO THE FINAL

### QUARTER-FINALS

Sat June 30, Florence

ARGENTINA	0
YUGOSLAVIA	0

(aet: 0-0, Argentina won 3-2 on penalties) Aft: 36,971

### SEMI-FINAL

Tue July 3, Naples

ARGENTINA	
ITALY	

Sat June 30, Rome

REP OF IRELAND	0
ITALY	1

Italy: Schillaci 38  
Half-time: 0-1  
Aft: 73,303

Sun July 1, Milan

CZECHOSLOVAKIA	0
WEST GERMANY	1

West Germany: Matthaus (pen) 24  
Half-time: 0-1  
Aft: 73,347

Wed July 4 (7pm) Turin

WEST GERMANY	
ENGLAND	

Scorers

Sun July 1, Naples

CAMEROON	2
ENGLAND	3

(aet: 3-2 after 90 min)  
Cameroon: Kumbo (pen) 52, Ekeke 55  
England: Platt 25, Lineker (2 goals) 52  
Half-time: 1-0  
Aft: 55,205

### HOW THEY QUALIFIED

#### GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	3	0	0	4	0	9
Czech	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Austria	3	0	2	2	2	8	2
United States	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Results: Italy 1, Austria 0; United States 1, Czechoslovakia 5; Italy 1, United States 0; Austria 0, Czechoslovakia 1; Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 0; Austria 2, United States 1.

#### GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Costa Rica	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Argentina	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Soviet Union	3	0	2	2	4	4	2

Results: Argentina 0, Cameroon 0; Argentina 2, Soviet Union 0; Argentina 2, Soviet Union 1; Argentina 1, Romania 1; Cameroon 0, Soviet Union 4.

#### GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Costa Rica	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Sweden	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Switzerland	3	0	2	2	3	6	2

Results: Brazil 1, Sweden 1; Scotland 0, Costa Rica 1; Brazil 1, Costa Rica 0; Sweden 1, Scotland 2; Brazil 1, Scotland 0; Sweden 1, Costa Rica 2.

#### GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	3	2	1	0	10	3	5
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	8	5	4
Colombia	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
UAE	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Results: UAE 0, Colombia 2; West Germany 4, Yugoslavia 1; Yugoslavia 1, Colombia 0; West Germany 5, UAE 1; West Germany 1, Colombia 1; Yugoslavia 4, UAE 1.

#### GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	8	3	4
Belgium	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Uruguay	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
South Korea	3	0	3	1	1	6	0

Results: Belgium 1, South Korea 0; Spain 2, South Korea 1; Belgium 1, Spain 2; Uruguay 1, South Korea 0.

#### GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Republic of Ireland	3	1	2	0	3	3	4
Netherlands	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Egypt	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Results: England 1, Republic of Ireland 1; Netherlands 0, Republic of Ireland 0; Egypt 0, England 1; Egypt 0, Netherlands 1; Republic of Ireland 1.

### FINAL

Sun July 8 (7pm) Rome

ARGENTINA	
ITALY	

Scorers

### 3rd PLACE PLAY-OFF

Sat July 7 (7pm) Bari

ARGENTINA	
ITALY	

Scorers

Extra time, of 30 minutes, will be played if scores are level after 90 minutes. If ties are still not settled, extra time will be followed by a penalty shoot-out. Five penalties will be taken. If the teams are still level, they will go into sudden-death penalties.

### FIXTURES

#### TODAY

England v West Germany (Turin, 7.00)

#### TELEVISION

ITV 8.40-9pm and BBC1 8.45-9pm: Live coverage of England v West Germany

EUROSPORT 9-11.30pm: Highlights of England v West Germany

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## ATHLETICS

# Backley sets his sights on Edinburgh's target bonus

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, STOCKHOLM

STEVE Backley's first javelin competition as world record-holder, at Edinburgh on Friday, has been designed to draw out the Eric Bristow in him. The next day, though, he will be back throwing arrows with the boys from the local.

David Bedford was never one to miss a trick in the days when he was a world record-holder. Now an athletics promoter, the former 10,000 metres runner has sought to enliven Friday's proceedings at Meadowbank by turning the javelin sector into an oversized dartboard.

Bedford's grand prix meeting will have four bull-eyes, each 2ft in diameter, offering bonuses for direct hits. One will be set at world record distance and three more at lesser distances, but all beyond 80 metres.

If Backley can throw close to, or slightly beyond, the world record distance of 89.58 metres, which he set here on Monday evening, and find the direction to land in the coloured circle, he would pick up a bonus of £85,000. There is a £28,000 bonus for the other bull-eyes and a £14,000 world record incentive.

Come Saturday, the only incentive will be points for his club, Cambridge Harriers have been hitting the ones and fives instead of the double tops in British league division three. They are bottom of the table, which means one of the other Backleys from Bexley, Kent, was as busy on the phone yesterday, sorting out a team to compete in Jarro on this weekend, as he was taking phone calls of congratulation for his son.

Back home, John Backley, father to the world javelin record-holder and the Cambridge Harriers team manager,

was, of course, pleased for Steve, but would he be available for selection for Saturday, he wanted to know. Your correspondent was able to assure him he would. "I'll be there in Jarro," Backley junior had said. "My roots are with the club. I enjoy the day out and would not miss it."

Backley impresses with his unassuming character, more John Lowe than Bristow. Nobody would be surprised if, when the triple jump starts at Jarro, Backley is there with the rest of them. "We are a triple jumper short and he might have to do it," John Backley said. Promotion, at last. The boy Backley was a B team triple jumper last year.

Equanimity the moment he became Britain's first male field events world record-holder since records were started by the International Federation in 1912. He repeated yesterday what he has said along the European championships in Split, are what count.

He will not be throwing for a world record in Edinburgh, but it might happen anyway. More important is to keep the javelin landing over 85 metres. "If I can get that consistency, then come the Europeans, I am going to be in a strong position," Backley said.

His evening of triumph was spiced by his taking the record from Patrik Boden in front of his home crowd. And with greater memory could Cambridge Harriers have for their centenary season? Backley contained his excitement, though. As Maurice Plant, the British Board's agent here, put it: "It's all for naught if he doesn't win the Europeans."

## Thompson withdraws

DALEY Thompson will not defend his European decathlon title in Split next month. The athlete, aged 31, does not want to be considered for the British team to compete in Yugoslavia because he does not feel wholly fit after a serious knee injury last year.

Frank Dick, the national coaching director who also over-

sees Thompson's training programme, said: "He's definitely out of Split. The knee is clear now and Daley's back to full training, but there is a gap between that and being ready for world-class competition. Everyone knows the high standards by which Daley has lived, and he has no intention of lowering them."

## Skelton and Apollo shape up for Hickstead Derby

### Skelton's clever turn lifts title

By JENNY MACARTHUR

NICK Skelton and Apollo, who have been selected for the Dublin Nations Cup Show later this month, underlined their form with a classic win in the Everest Championship at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire yesterday.

Apollo, aged 15, has been Skelton's top horse for the last five years but is now used only sparingly. His new programme is working well. Last month his only international outing was at Hickstead where he won the £20,000 Eminent Jumper Cup.

His main target for the year is a third win in the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead next month. Before that he has his Dublin assignment - with appropriate rests in between. "He doesn't need three or four days on the run now," Skelton said yesterday.

He clearly revelled in the excellent going in the Royal's main arena yesterday where he finished four seconds ahead of the runners-up, Liz Edgar on Everest Asher.

Five horses reached the jump-off after a surprisingly big opening track. Mrs Edgar went first and was clear but slow. Tim Stockdale was next to go on Frog, an athletic little horse but who found, on this occasion, that the course was just too big.

Mark Todd, New Zealand's dual Olympic three-day event champion who had done well to reach the jump-off with Alfa Double Take having not sat on the horse for two and half weeks, couldn't find the fence and had to circle collecting an expensive three faults - and a further four when he knocked the fence down in the second attempt.

Skelton then completed his authoritative winning round, gaining valuable seconds with a quick turn after the gate at fence three.

Marie Edgar, the women's national champion was last to go and boldly took up the challenge with Everest Minka. A similar quick turn after the gate put her just ahead of Skelton's time but four faults at the first part of the final dropped her into third place behind her mother.

Skelton said afterwards that he will revert to Phoenix Park, the horse he has borrowed from David Broome, for the Henderson National Championships today, the richest jumping event at the four-day show.

Mrs Edgar's form this week with the careful Everest Asher suggests that she has a strong chance of regaining the title she last won in 1988.

Curiously, neither John nor Michael Whitaker has been in the money yet this week but, with their own Henderson, putting up the £4,000 first prize in the National Championships they will have an added spur today.

RESULTS: The Everest Championships, 1, Apollo (N Skelton), 0 in 48.07; 2, Everest Asher (E Edgar), 0 in 50.16; 3, Everest Minka (M Edgar), 4 in 45.90.



Going clear: Andy Austin and Elusive at the Royal Show yesterday

## Bowman's fighting chance

By JENNY MACARTHUR

GEORGE Bowman, the national driving champion and the winner of six successive competitions this season with his team of Black Cumberland Cobs, heads the British squad in four that will compete at the World Driving Championships in Stockholm next month.

David Saunders, Peter Munt and Lex Ruddiman, who finished second, fourth and fifth respectively in the final selection trial at Floors Castle last weekend, make up the four. The team of three will be picked in Stockholm. The fourth driver will compete as an individual.

Bowman, aged 55, from Cumbria, has been a regular member of the team since 1974. He started driving five years earlier due to a bad accident. A bangor door, which he was trying to dismantle for his scrap metal business, dropped on him and

crushed his pelvis so badly that he had to stop riding.

The team has yet to regain the form it showed in the early years of the championships when it won three gold medals including the inaugural world championships in 1972. Bowman however is optimistic for Stockholm. "We need luck, but we've got a fighting chance."

His three team members are more than equal to the fight. Munt, aged 67 and a former stuntman, has been in every world championship team since 1982. Ruddiman, aged 39, was the highest placed Briton in the world championships in 1988.

Sweden's winners at Lunnahen in West Germany last weekend, are likely to start as favourites, though the Dutch and Hungarians are fielding strong teams. Bowman, a member of the International Equestrian Federation's Driving Committee, said yesterday he was trying to block an attempt by some of the continental drivers to make the marathon phase easier by reducing the speed. "They are using warmbloods in their teams because they are better at dressage," Bowman said. "But because they find the marathon harder than the traditional coach horses they are trying to get it made easier."

The driving championships start on August 1 with two days of dressage. The marathon, the most significant phase, is on Friday, August 3, and the final obstacle driving is on the Saturday.

## ROWING

## Boat Race coach comes to aid of Lithuanian crew

By MIKE ROSEWELL

ZALGIRIS, the Lithuanian club crew in the Grand Challenge Cup, eight seeded crews - five from the United States, one from Denmark and two from Britain - will all be spectators today as the first round is staged. Nottingham County Lightweights, winners of the Ladies after a rerun of last year, will be one of the inactive British crews. Zalgiris and the Lithuanians are regarded as warm favourites, although the entry includes three other top lightweight combinations, all seeded, from Boston and Yale and Denmark.

All 32 crews in the Wyford Challenge Cup coxless fours start their progress today, including the seeds. Both the London lightweight crews were given seeded status and are in opposition to the other top crews, with a potentially tough first race against Thames Tradesmen A. The other seeds, London B, Lea, Nottingham County and Nottingham A, will have easier first day problems.

None of the overseas entries in the Britania Challenge Cup coxless fours was selected by the seeds, and two of them, the Lithuanians, from Zalgiris and Copenhagen, from Cork, have both drawn seeds: Mitsubishi are unlikely to worry London University A and Rob Roy should progress against the Irish. The remaining seeds, 1 to 16, will have easier first day problems.

The first rounds of five events will take place today. Traditionally, the Ladies' Challenge Plate provides the first race, but with the new rules and a smaller entry, the Ladies' will not start until Thursday, and Eton's second eight and Lady Margaret will begin Wednesday in the new Henley Prize event.

Old rivals, Oxford Polytechnic and Imperial College, have been seeded on one side of the 16-row draw in the Prize and should progress past the first round. The University of Wales and Shrewsbury, life looks more difficult on the other side with three seedings: Orange Coast, USA, Brentwood College, Canada, and Downing are all involved, as are the dark horses.

The Double Sculls Challenge Cup provides the first round of all the major events at this year's regatta, a situation shown by the lack of any seedings. Doubles from Bulgaria, France and Portugal are involved with Rudkin and Kittermaster, winners in 1988.

## TODAY'S ORDER OF ROWING

10.30: Henley Prize: Eton Col v Lady Margaret BC Cambridge.	11.30: Henley Prize: Trinity Col, Dublin v Trinity Col, Dublin.
10.35: Thames Cup: Thames Tradesmen RC v A Bedford RC.	11.35: Thames Cup: Trinity Col, Dublin v Trinity Col, Dublin.
10.40: Thames Cup: Vesta RC v Thames RC B.	11.40: Wyford Cup: Duke of the Thames RC v Upper Thames RC.
10.45: Wyford Cup: Upper Thames RC v A Bedford RC.	11.45: Thames Cup: Thames Tradesmen RC v Bedford RC.
10.50: Henley Prize: Eton Col v Edinburgh Univ.	11.50: J N Hartland and N D M P Garmen (Notts County) v D M Garmen and N D Hiss (Exeter).
10.55: Diamond Sculler: R J Stait's (Cambridge) vs M & J Deane's (Walsingham) v S M Hughes (Windsor B).	11.55: Upper Thames RC v Upper Thames RC.
11.00: Thames Cup: The Tideway Scullers Sch v A Tyne RC.	12.00: Henley Prize: Salween Col, Cam v Cambridge.
11.05: Henley Prize: Imperial Coll v Strenuous Sch.	12.05: Wyford Cup: Worcester RC v London RC B.
11.10: Wyford Cup: Thames RC v Sons of St John RC.	12.10: Wyford Cup: Kingston RC v The Tideway Scullers Sch.
11.15: Britannian Cup: Univ of London v Watbourn RC.	12.15: Duke of the Thames & Morris & Mervin (Comte Nautique de France) RC v Vians & E Vians (Centro de Portivo Univ Porto, Portugal).
11.20: Thames Cup: S J Chikmied & S C Coffin (London R C) v P Harford and A Booth (London R C).	12.20: Wyford Cup: Oxford RC v London RC A.
11.25: Thames Cup: Cambridge v City of Oxford RC B.	12.25: Wyford Cup: Falm Beach RC, US v Cambridge RC.
11.30: Henley Prize: Royal Poly B v Blair Col, Galloway.	12.30: Britannia Cup: Mortlake Anglian and Mortlake RC v Mortlake RC.
11.40: Wyford Cup: Staines BC v Notts RC.	12.35: Thames Cup: Thames RC v Royal Chester RC.
11.45: Britannian Cup: Farnhill Sch C v Oundle Sch.	12.40: Henley Prize: Mortlake RC v Nottingham Univ.
11.50: Henley Prize: St Albans & G W Williams (Hideway SV B Tology and I Banchev (ZSKA Club, Bulgaria).	12.45: Thames Cup: Kingston RC v Galloway RC.
12.00: Henley Prize: Elizabethan BC v London RC.	12.50: Wyford Cup: Marlow RC v The Tideway Scullers Sch.
12.05: Henley Prize: Coast Guard Acad, Henley v Henley RC.	12.55: Henley Prize: G G Grest Sch, US v Cambridge RC.
12.10: Wyford Cup: Nottingham and Unicorn RC v Bedford RC.	13.00: Britannia Cup: Mitsubishi BC, Japan v Cambridge RC.
12.15: Henley Prize: Cappaccini RC, Italy v Rod Roy BC.	13.05: Thames Cup: Nottingham and Unicorn RC v A S R Henley, Holland.
12.20: Diamond Sculler: I R Dryden and R C Scazzola (Leander) v A N Graham and R C Scazzola (Leander).	13.10: Henley Prize: Royal Poly A v Univ of Wales Col Cardiff.
12.25: Thames Cup: KSR Nurn, Holland v Thames RC.	13.15: Wyford Cup: Quaint BC v Bedford RC.
12.30: Thames Cup: Cherrwell BC v Sores of the Thames RC.	13.20: Wyford Cup: Vesta RC v Britannian Tradesmen RC B.
12.35: Henley Prize: Mystic Valley RA, US v Star and Arrow Club.	13.25: Henley Prize: Dartmouth RC, US v Bedford RC.
12.40: Britannian Cup: Grovenor RC v Bedford RC.	13.30: Thames Cup: Thames RC v A Vesta RC A.
12.45: Diamond Sculler: T F F Mossop and R J Hoyle (Kingston v P Thoran and F J Hoyle (Kingston).	13.35: Wyford Cup: Watlington RC v Royal RC A.
12.50: Thames Cup: The Tideway Scullers Sch v B Northwich RC.	13.40: Henley Prize: Bedford RC A v Upper Thames RC B.
12.55: Henley Prize: Henley Coll Oxford v Oxford RC, US.	13.45: Britannia Cup: Ohio State Univ, US v Cambridge RC.
13.00: Wyford Cup: Globe RC v Lias RC.	13.50: Diamond Sculler: Rudkin and Kistemeyer v Clark and Skuse.
13.05: Henley Prize: Globe RC v Star Club.	13.55: Britannia Cup: RC v Mortlake Anglian and Alark RC.
13.10: Britannia Cup: Reading RC v Vesta RC.	14.00: Wyford Cup: London RC v A Thames RC.
13.15: Thames Cup: Gloucester RC v Vesta RC.	14.05: Wyford Cup: Tyne TC v Nat West Bank RC.
13.20: Britannia Cup: Reading RC v Vesta RC.	14.10: Britannia Cup: London Welsh RC v Vesta RC.







Lancashire's all-round strength in fluctuating match enables them to further their championship ambitions

# Watkinson tips the balance decisively on a wearing pitch

By RICHARD STREETON

**MAIDSTONE** (final day of three): Lancashire (225) beat Kent (6) by three wickets. LANCASHIRE underlined their all-round strength yesterday as they won this fluctuating match and moved nearer the top of the Britannia Assurance championship table. They needed 190 to win from 65 overs on a wearing pitch and Mike Watkinson, at No. 5, hit a decisive 66 at a time when the game was still delicately balanced.

Already Lancashire are in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup and stand well placed in the Refuge Assurance League. Their main ambition, however, remains the championship, which they shared in 1950, but have not won outright since 1934. The present side, though, seem well-equipped in every department to end this sequence.

A depleted Kent team fought hard throughout an absorbing match, but sooner or later Lancashire found the man for the moment. As they began their second innings, Kent were without Igglesden (virus infection) and de Villiers, their other fast bowler, was handicapped by tend-

initis. Both are unlikely to play today against Essex, but Kent's batting could be bolstered by the return of Benson and Taylor.

Until Watkinson took charge Lancashire's closing task was less straightforward than might be thought, with the ball turning for the spinners and occasionally "stopping" for the seam bowlers. Atherton, however, was in a tenacious mood and provided the foundation required.

Fowler and Jesty were out cheaply, but Fairbrother was soon punishing anything loose with great certainty. Atherton drove with confidence and glanced anything on his legs surely, but at 91 was caught behind as he tried to drive Davis, the left-arm spinner. Watkinson struck the ball hard from the start and 60 were added in 12 overs before Fairbrother was caught behind as he tried to hook. Wasim gave Davis a return catch, but nothing could halt Watkinson's aggression.

Watkinson had faced 60 balls and hit two sixes and ten fours when he was caught behind against Davis, with Lancashire only one run short of victory. Davis bowled Hegg

two balls later to finish the match with eight wickets. Kent had to thank a defiant ninth-wicket stand between Ellison and de Villiers that their second innings was prolonged until after lunch. They resumed only 97 ahead, with six wickets in hand. Chris Cowdrey and Davis, the nightwatchman, stayed together an hour before a rapid rush of wickets hinted at an early finish. In the course of six overs DeFreitas and Wasim Akram each took two wickets.

Ellison then dropped anchor while both fast bowlers were driven freely by de Villiers and eventually removed from the attack. Though de Villiers has few pretensions as a run-getter, like all South Africans he is nothing if not combative and an early lifer from DeFreitas clearly ruffled his feathers. Atherton finally ended the innings with two wickets in three balls, which gave him four for 23. A full toss had de Villiers leg-before after 16 overs. Igglesden, who had not been expected to bat, went in but quickly gave silly point a catch.

## Barnett comes too late into the fray

By JACK BAILEY

**DERBY** (final day of three): Derbyshire (415) drew with Gloucestershire (14). YOU might have thought that the loss of 14 wickets on the first day and virtually no interruption by the weather would have ensured a result. As it was, the pitch became easier, slower and of little help to anyone other than Gloucestershire, once hopeful of a first victory in the championship, battling to stave off defeat, while Barnett threw everything, including himself, into the task during a fourth win for Derbyshire.

At the day's beginning, they had been aided in their quest by the early breakdown of Walsh and the absence of Lawrence. Lawrence has suffered a recurrence of intercostal troubles. Walsh has a sore Achilles tendon. Both are likely to miss at least two games.

Barnes bowled promisingly in their absence and was rewarded by the wickets of both Roberts and Adams. But by then they had added 114 runs for the fifth wicket and Derbyshire had recovered from the first innings debacle, when they were bowled out for 72, to the extent that a declaration at lunch left Gloucestershire 304 runs in arrears.

## French family double

NEIL French, the younger brother of Bruce French, the former England wicketkeeper, is poised to win his own international cap. French, an all-rounder from Nottinghamshire who has played minor counties cricket for Lincolnshire, is included in a 14-man England amateur party to play two one-day games against Scotland at Dumfries on July 19 and 20. The same players are also due to meet a Pakistan under-19 side at Esher in August.

PARTY: P. Palmer (Nottinghamshire, captain).

K Arnold (Oxfordshire), R Berry (Lancashire), R Evans (Oxfordshire), N French (Nottinghamshire), R C Green (Suffolk), R Leger (Gloucestershire), S S Lewis (Oxfordshire), M Roberts (Surrey), R Swann (Nottinghamshire), M Sidey-Wells (Northamptonshire), M Wayman (Yorkshire), M Price (Lancashire).

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## Stevens on trail of bowling record

SCHOOLS CRICKET by GEORGE CHESTERTON

MOST schools have now launched into a festival programme. Sborne, who had a convincing six-wicket win over Marlborough to bring their season's record to 11 wins from 15 matches, have also been chosen for the Southern Schools XI in the MCC schools cricket festival in Oxford.

Atwell, their captain, is joined by Stevens, a bowler who, with two matches to go, needs only three wickets to pass 550 in a season, a record which has stood since 1915.

Haileybury College, put in by Cheltenham College, began well but collapsed from 92 for one to be 138 all out. Cheltenham then steered their way to victory by two wickets. Haileybury is one

of only a few schools which retain a two-day fixture, which took place last weekend, against Wellington. Wellington batted first, making 191 for five declared, but Haileybury went ahead early the next morning and also declared. Haileybury were finally set 219 to win in the final innings of the match, but, after a valiant chase, settled for a draw at 188 for eight.

Gates, also selected for the Southern Schools, has made three hundreds for Brighton College. His latest innings of 46 took him over a thousand runs for the season and helped to steer Brighton to their twelfth win, against Lancing College.

SCHOOLS: A Richards (Forest), S Atwell (Surrey), D Bates (Gloucestershire), P Bates (Gloucestershire), R Berry (Lancashire), R Evans (Oxfordshire), N French (Nottinghamshire), R C Green (Suffolk), R Leger (Gloucestershire), S S Lewis (Oxfordshire), M Roberts (Surrey), R Swann (Nottinghamshire), M Sidey-Wells (Northamptonshire), M Wayman (Yorkshire), M Price (Lancashire).

Despite the loss of four early wickets Leicestershire, revived by Whitaker, Benson and Potter, made a spirited attempt to get 271 to beat Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge but finished 29 short. The last pair, Agnew and Mulvey, playing out the final three overs.

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Top seed moves into familiar territory against opponent with little grass-court experience

## Lendl books quarter-final place

By ANDREW LONGMORE  
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IVAN Lendl will play Brad Pearce in one of the more unlikely Wimbledon quarter-final meetings on record. Lendl, winner of seven grand slam titles and appearing in his fifth consecutive quarter-final at Wimbledon, against Pearce, who has spent the last three years trying and failing to qualify.

Lendl seems to have adopted the habit of losing a set each match, perhaps as part of his meticulous preparations, but, for a moment, against the crewcut Austrian, Alex Antonitsch, it seemed that he had gone one step too far. The No. 1 seed dropped the first set but came through to the haven of the quarter-final, where he has never lost, with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory.

As he walked off the number one court, Lendl turned to wave, an unusually emotional gesture for the sober Czechoslovak. Perhaps he was practising for the centre court on final day. "I just said goodbye to the crowd because I might not play there again this year. They were behind me because I think they feel sorry for me," he said.

Antonitsch felt no such sympathy. The Austrian, aged 24, had taken Boris Becker to within two points of defeat at Queen's three weeks ago and was not about to be overruled by a man ranked 47 places above him. He is the first Austrian to reach the fourth round for 43 years and so baggy were his shorts they could have been cast-offs from his predecessor in the fourth round.

At one point, the umpire had to call let when a ball fell out of the leg of Antonitsch's shorts in the middle of a rally, the result of a huge hole in his pocket. The Austrian turned his pockets inside out like a street urchin. His tennis matched his slightly unkempt

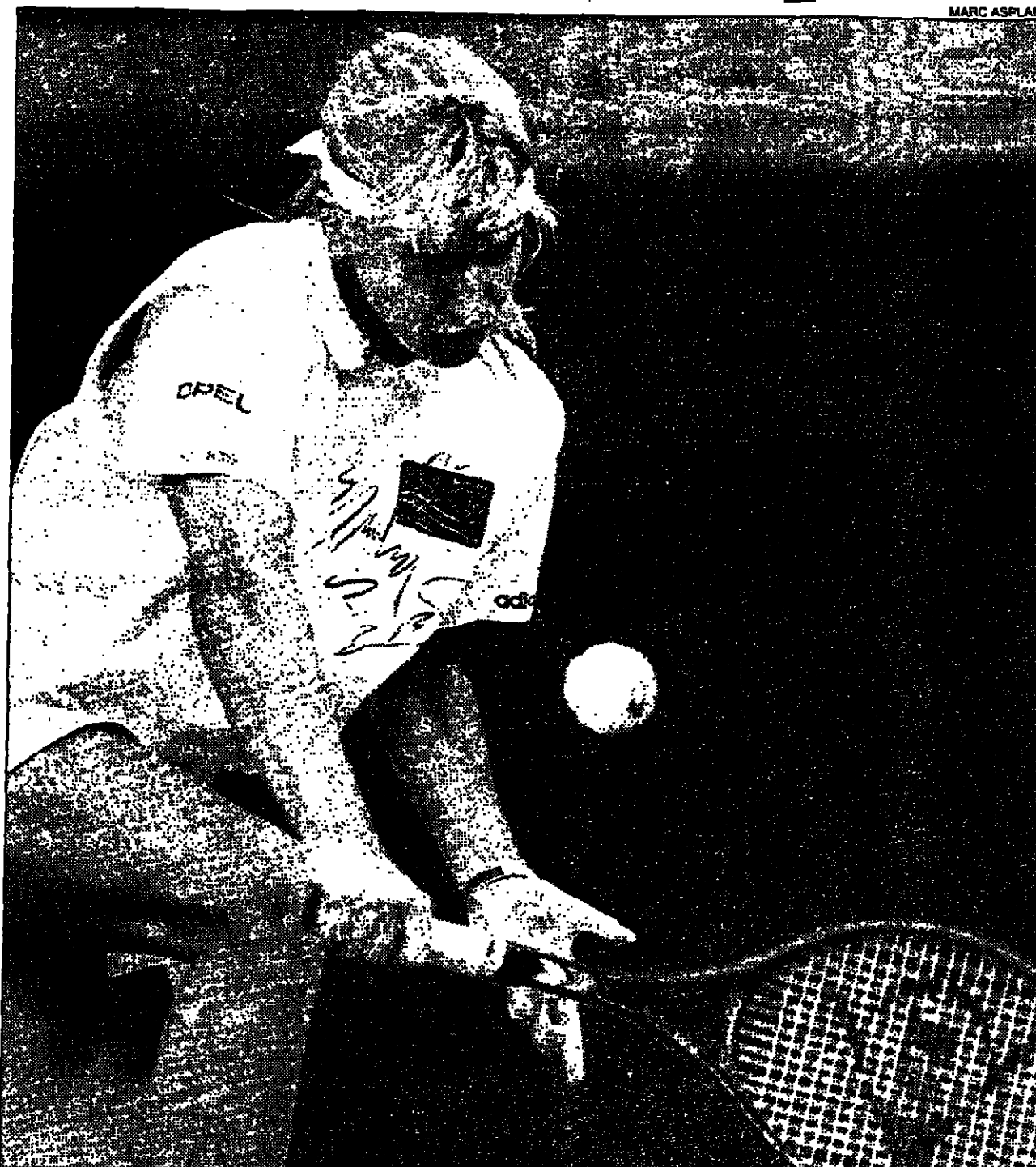


appearance. It was full of heavy topspin and desperate lunges, but it proved far too effective for the world No. 1 for the first set at least.

"I had trouble with my timing," Lendl said. "It seems to take me a little time to adjust to the pace of the court. But, win or lose, it has been better because I have played better than last year already."

While Lendl searches for a place in the record books, Pearce has other reasons to be grateful for his first grand slam quarter-final appearance. He has a wife and a baby boy and wants "a whole clan of children." "But," he added, "a big family requires a big income. That's the practical side of reaching the quarter-final. The other side is that since I was a boy, I have dreamed of winning Wimbledon. I still have another couple of rounds to go before I fulfil it," he said.

Before he came to Wimbledon this year, he had won only two of his four matches on grass, now he has doubled that quota, losing only one set in the process and disposing of such grasscourt specialists as Milan Sreber and yesterday, Mark Woodforde. Woodforde, a wild card, was not fully match fit after returning from an ankle injury, but he had been playing well enough to dispose of Jim Courier, the No. 9 seed, in the previous round. The American's 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win was as neat and tidy as it seemed on paper and it certainly ensured him of one undisputed accolade: the most famous sportsman from the town of Provo, Utah.



Down to business: Graf handing out a lesson in balance and anticipation of opponent's intentions

## Graf holds key to success

By REX BELLAMY

THE key to controlled stroke production is a balanced set-up. The key to a balanced set-up is anticipation. The key to anticipation is facility in reading an opponent's intentions. There is, of course, much more to tennis. But that particular lesson was vividly demonstrated when Steffi Graf beat Jana Novotna 7-5, 6-2 at Wimbledon yesterday.

Graf hit the ball harder, which meant that Novotna had to read faster. Often, Novotna did read fast enough or read the wrong line. So she had to lunge and on the next shot (if any) had to lunge even farther. Inevitably, there soon came a moment when racket and ball were populating different areas of the borough of Merton.

The way Graf hits a tennis ball, no opponent can afford to wait until the shot is on its way — as Novotna frequently did — before setting herself up for a counter. Novotna played well but to predictable patterns. She was less resilient than Graf in her reactions when adjusting the racket head in the cause of improvisation.

Graf had more power and a greater flair for the unexpected, so Novotna was usually under stress. Many of Graf's service returns were outright winners. At such moments the lines at Novotna's end of the court seemed to be widened by mysterious Teutonic forces. It can be demoralising when, repeatedly, you hit a good first service, trot towards the net, and hear a brief buzz as the ball bounces past you.

Novotna is eight months the older but both players are 21, an age at which youngsters

used to get the key of the door — irrelevant in this case because Graf and Novotna could be said to own the house. Each is tall, fair, and a gifted athlete. Graf happens to be the more flexible and instinctive tennis player. Her wrist-work suggests that she could have ruled badminton just as she rules tennis.

The first set was close (Novotna broke service in the first game and later had a break point for 5-4) because Novotna struck from a level par to 73. Afterwards she spoke in reverential tones of Carnoustie. "It's a great challenge," she said. "But a mean golf course, you only get what you deserve."

Those last three holes proved a graveyard for many other players besides Fleisher. In his case, he missed the short 16th



On the ball: Novotna sets herself up for the counter

return that produces a winner or provokes an error on the volley or half-volley.

As I said, much of it boiled down to reading the hints that come from the tactical situation and a knowledge of what an opponent is likely to do —

and what he or she is, in fact, doing in terms of positioning, swing, and wrist-work. That takes a rare talent, plus experience. It is often said that good reading is a prerequisite of good writing. Equally, good reading is a prerequisite of good tennis.

## GOLF

## Ballesteros takes to the mountains riding a Zebra

From MEL WEBB  
IN MONTE CARLO

## Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	585	5	10	465	4
2	157	3	11	451	4
3	400	4	12	203	3
4	217	3	13	404	4
5	338	4	14	170	3
6	418	4	15	256	4
7	342	4	16	441	4
8	220	3	17	496	5
9	388	4	18	314	4

Out 3,048 34 In 3,239 35  
Total yardage 6,285 Par 69

NOTHING much changes here. The place is still full of beautiful people and bulging pocket books, casinos and coffee at £3 a swallow. It was ever thus.

But up in the mountains behind Monaco is the Mont Agel course, where the Monte Carlo Open starts today, and where yesterday the tiny principality's most celebrated golfing resident was talking of a quantum change in the tools of his trade.

Severiano Ballesteros is not a man who believes in fiddling with his equipment for the sake of it, but for this week he has abandoned the old putter that has helped him to win 60 tournaments world-wide and is giving an audition to another implement he found in his locker at the club.

"I didn't put very well with the old one in the US Open, so I've given it a holiday," he said. The new putter, for those fond of collecting such trivia, is a Zebra, an object which might well get the ball in the hole but is never going to win any beauty prizes.

Ballesteros might well have effected a reconciliation with his faithful old Ping by the time the Open Championship comes round in a couple of weeks' time, but a different man will be carrying it for him.

Ian Wright, Ballesteros's caddy for the last two-and-a-half years, is being given a sabbatical while his master does battle with St Andrews, where he won in 1984. Ballesteros, still tinkering with a fine-tuning operation on changes in his swing, is employing his brother, Vicente, for that week. Wright, meanwhile, will be setting his sights on a more

modest target when he tries to coax Mike McLean, the young tournament professional from Kent, through the final qualifying rounds.

Ballesteros is going to need watching in this tournament — he shot a 65 in the pro-am yesterday. He certainly will not want to repeat his experience of last year when, horror of horrors, he missed the cut.

Scott Hoch, this week's visiting fireman from the United States, is present, as is every former winner of this event, going for the £58,330 top prize in a total purse of £350,000. They have happy memories of Mont Agel. Ian Woosnam has not. The last time he came here, in 1983, he went home in disgust after playing in the pro-am, but this time has pronounced himself happier with the condition of the course. He should be: he had that come in with a 64.

Tony Jacklin, on the other hand, was more concerned with the state of his bank balance. He has just become a resident of Monte Carlo; he and his wife, Astrid, took over an apartment overlooking the sea six weeks ago, and Mrs Jacklin spent yesterday buying furnishings for the place. Her husband, semi-retired these days, is unlikely to win this tournament. Four decent rounds, though, would buy some superior curtains.

## Stiff wind creates mean challenge

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE majestic links of Carnoustie (6,936 yards) found the Angus coast very much of a handful yesterday for the 132 competitors in the Wilson Cup professional championship. Allied to a stiff wind, contemptuously dismissed by the Hardened Habitual (every links has a "barely a draught"), it denied anyone the privilege of a score below the par of 72.

Only two players, indeed, were able to match the card. They were Steve Rooke, of Wintcombe, and Mark Jennings of Coventry Hearsall. Among the better known names, David Huish scored 73 and Brian Waites 74.

Bruce Fleisher, the holder of the equivalent American title, came apart over the last three difficult holes and declined from level par to 73. Afterwards he spoke in reverential tones of Carnoustie. "It's a great challenge," he said. "But a mean golf course, you only get what you deserve."

Those last three holes proved a graveyard for many other players besides Fleisher. In his case, he missed the short 16th

with a three-wood, found the 433-yard 17th too much of a test for two drivers age shot at a bunker at the 18th.

Jennings, aged 26, at least was one shot better over those closing holes, missing both the 16th and the 17th green with his three-wood. "I offed a superb eagle three at the 13th (477 yards) where he hit a one-iron to 15 feet.

Rooke, an England boys' and youths' international in his salad days — he is now 39 — dropped only one shot at that infamous final passage. He saved his three at the 16th with a brilliant chip from a difficult lie, but there was no escape from a bunker at the next.

LEADING SCORES: 72: S Rooke (Wintcombe), M Jennings (Coventry Hearsall), 73: K Bester (Cadwell), D Huish (North Berwick), C Hearn (Barnham), 74: M Waites (Northampton), 75: M McColl (Northampton), 76: M Haggerty (Royal Leamington), 77: M Mann (Farn Valley), 78: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 79: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 80: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 81: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 82: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 83: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 84: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 85: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 86: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 87: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 88: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 89: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 90: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 91: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 92: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 93: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 94: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 95: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 96: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 97: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 98: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 99: M Haggerty (Farn Valley), 100: M Haggerty (Farn Valley).

## TRIATHLON

## Leutenegger keeps title

SPENCER Smith, from Twickenham, won the junior 1 category, for 16 to 17 year olds, at the European championships at Montlucan at the weekend, but the spotlight belonged to Thomas Leutenegger, of Switzerland, who impressively retained his junior 1 title, for those aged 18 to 19, which he first won in Geneva last year (a Special Correspondent writes).

Leutenegger came out of the water after the opening 1.5km swim of the Etang de Sault in the

chasing pack about 30sec behind two leaders. But Leutenegger, an outstanding cyclist, soon took the lead on the 40km undulating, but extremely fast, cycling course. He was never headed after that, and could afford to relax on the final run to win in a total time of 1hr 52min 11sec.

RESULTS: European championships, junior 1: 1. T Leutenegger (Switz), 1:52:11; 2. S Poulter (Fr), 1:52:27; 3. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 4. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 5. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 6. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 7. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 8. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 9. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32; 10. S Fabbro (Fr), 1:52:32.

## Insiders win at Bisham

THE Sports Council's national centres board has awarded the contract for running Bisham Abbey to an in-house management team that beat off 20 external applicants for the job (Louise Taylor writes).

The team will operate under the name of SportsPartner Limited.

Lilleshall, in Shropshire, and Plas y Brenin, in Wales, are two

other centres which the Sports Council will put out to tender shortly. Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council, said that the success of an internal bid at Bisham Abbey was decisively influenced by the greater financial independence of the bid from the in-house team.

## BOWLS

## Consistent Ottaway takes singles title

By DAVID RHYS JONES

JOHN Ottaway, aged 35, a pale and patient draw specialist, from Wymond Dell in Norfolk, won the NatWest British Isles championship at Melthill in Fife yesterday, when he beat a former world indoor singles champion, Jim Baker, of Ireland, 25-22 in the final.

It was no surprise to see Ottaway drawing delicately to the jack: his consistent accuracy in that department was honed in the federation code during his formative years. Baker's strategy, however, defied expectations: famous for the ferocity of his firing, he eschewed the dry draw for one misguiding missile on the 27th end and another more successful hit on the 31st. Baker, first off the mark, established a 6-0 lead after four ends, and it was the fifteenth end before Ottaway had edged in front for the first time, thanks

to his mat-up-the-green tactics, the disturbed Baker's consistency.

Ottaway was first to reach 21 — the traditional target for singles play — but took another six tantalising ends before his total reached 25. On the 31st end, which proved to be the last, he claimed the shot with his third bowl only to see Baker fire it off, and had to produce yet another perfect draw to the jack with his final delivery to secure the title.

Paul Moore, a protégé of Baker's, won the junior singles championship for Ireland, beating Alan Darling, of Worthing, 25-14, while Ernie Parkinson skipped an Irish trio to the triples title, scoring six shots on the last end to sink Andy Jordans' Sussex triple by a single.

Mark Chard, aged 20, was bested by a brilliant skipping performance that gave Wales the British Pairs title for the ninth time since 1970.

## YACHTING

## Cup ruling causes confusion

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE San Diego Yacht Club yesterday announced a ban on foreign mercenaries racing or designing for syndicates challenging for the next America's Cup in 1992. The sanction will come into force at the end of this month.

It means that Chris Dickson, New Zealand's top match race skipper, who now leads the Nippon Challenge from Japan, the American Paul Cayard, who heads Raul Gardini's Italian challenge, and the two American-based designers Bruce Farr

and German Frers, and all sailmakers, must quickly make up their minds about which team to work for. They will be barred from other national teams until the series is over.

The ruling does not affect any of the British challenges and will cause few problems for Dickson, Cayard, and Frers. By the time the Cup comes round in May 1992, each will have a two-year residency status in their adopted countries. But the decision will hit a number of international sailmakers and Bruce Farr, arguably the world's top monohull designer, is advising five syndicates in three countries.

The Californian club is quite within its rights to limit the use of "hired guns". The deed of gift governing the races has been strengthened by a succession of amendments and rulings since the matter was first raised with the adoption of the Twelve Metre class in 1958.

Farr, who has sold designs to the Nippon and Bengal Bay Japanese challenges, as well as to the Spaniards and New Zealanders, must decide which country to work with by July 31, leaving the others to find a new designer and new boats.

The question this ruling does not answer however is just what is a designer? Is it the individual or the organisation? "It is both discriminatory and far from clear," Farr said.

"It is a massive restriction on people's freedom. They are trying to bar us from working for another country, even if it is not on an ultimate challenger for the Cup."

He said that if only an individual was subject to the ban "then there is nothing to stop us from opening offices with a designated designer in the countries concerned."

## SPORT IN BRIEF

## Powerful US team

AFTER trials that ran for four weeks, the United States has chosen its show jumpers for the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm at the end of the month (a Special Correspondent writes).

Their team of Starman (A Kursinsky), VIP (D Dolan), Gem Twist (G Best), Mill Pearl (J Farris), Northern Magic (B Patton), and Victor (J Schafflenberger) should prove formidable. Anne Kursinsky and Joe Farris are both Olympic gold medal winners. Greg Best took the individual silver medal at the Seoul Olympics. The newcomer, Bezzie Patton, and the chestnut Northern Magic, are grand prix specialists.

## Luton line-up

Great Britain will join South Korea, France and Belgium in the four nations' tournament, the showpiece of the coming English hockey season, at Luton from October 5 to 7. The event is regarded as an important step in preparation for Britain's defence of the Olympic title at Barcelona in 1992. Match programme: FURTHER: Oct 5: France v South Korea (1pm); Great Britain v Belgium (3pm); Oct 6: France v Belgium (1pm); Great Britain v South Korea (3pm); Oct 7: Belgium v South Korea (1pm); Great Britain v France (3pm).

## Fallen Bruno

The heavyweight boxers, Frank Bruno and Gary Mason, have been dropped from the top 10 by the International Boxing Federation, which will be no surprise to Bruno, who has been inactive since his world title challenge with Mike Tyson in February 1989, but for Mason, the British champion, it will be another setback after a recent eye operation. The super middleweight, Chris Eubank, is ranked No. 12 and the European welterweight champion, Kirkland Laing, No. 7.

## Dewey signs

Paris (AFP) — The Williams-Renault Formula One motor racing team have signed Adrian Newey, a former engineer with March, who will concentrate on aerodynamics for the British team from July.

## Lyle's debut

Sandy Lyle, the former Open and US Masters golf champion, will play in the NM English Open at the Belfry from August 16 to 19 for the first time. Lyle, whose form has dipped alarmingly in the last 18 months, has never previously played in the event. He is joined by Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer and Mark James, the champion.

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